



# Oberon High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Department of Education has released updated guidelines for schools in relation to restrictions around managing Covid-19.

The new guidelines cover a broad range of areas that impact school operation. There are some areas that have no change to current practices, however, there are some significant changes in other areas.

## **Student Sickness (New)**

- Students who are sick (in particular with flu like symptoms) are **NOT** to come to school, **even if it is a mild case.**
- Students who are kept home due to illness (in particular with flu like symptoms) **CANNOT** return to school **unless they have a Covid-19 test and have received a negative test result.** The negative test **MUST** be sent to the school via email or printed off and brought to the school before the student can recommence.
- Students who come to school and are not well **WILL** be placed in sickbay and parents contacted. Students will need to be picked up and taken home. Students will **NOT** be permitted to attend **until they have had a Covid-19 test and have received a negative test result.** The negative test **MUST** be sent to the school via email or printed off and brought to the school before the student can recommence.
- If a student comes to school and has been cleared through a negative Covid-19 test result, however, is **still showing symptoms** through illness they **MUST** be sent back home and stay home until they are **100% clear** of any symptoms.

## **Student Sickness (Continuing)**

- If a student is told by Health Authorities to isolate this **MUST** be conveyed to the school by the parent/carer. Once the student has completed their **isolation a clearance must provided to the school** from a Health Practitioner/Health Official that indicates the student has completed the isolation and the student is cleared of any health concerns.
- Students who have **tested positive to Covid-19** must remain at home **until a clearance is provided to the school** from a Health Practitioner/Health Official that indicates the student has completed the isolation and the student is cleared of any health concerns. This circumstance will lead to a system based response to ensure that all students and staff are safe.

## **Excursions and Sport (Stronger rather than New)**

- In both cases the school is limited to participation in our local community only. Exposing students and staff to situations outside our local area is deemed too risky at present.

- All activities that would normally have students and staff from multiple school involved at the one site are banned to restrict people mixing from different communities. This includes activities organised by schools and external organisations that may be promoting their sport or activity.
- Rural schools are not to take students and staff into metropolitan areas. In a reciprocal move metropolitan schools are not take students into rural areas.

### **Students returning from Victoria (New)**

- Individuals returning from Victoria must comply with NSW Health quarantine regulations. If students are in this situation the school must be informed as we must report student absence correctly. Once the student has completed their isolation a clearance must be provided to the school from a Health Practitioner/Health Official that indicates the student has completed the isolation and the student is cleared of any health concerns.

Quarantine information can be found at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/interstate-travel.aspx>

### **External Visitor Form (Stronger rather than New)**

Essential external visitors have been asked to complete a form when they have come to school of recent times as a record of attendance onsite. This is now extended to **parents and family** members. This means that each time a parent or family member comes into the school they must sign this form. Even for the shortest time or most mundane reason.

### **Internal School Activities (New)**

There are new restrictions on some performance activities – in particular associated with Music, Dance and Drama. These will be conveyed directly to impacted students.

### **Year 12 HSC Examinations and Graduation (New)**

A separate letter will be sent to families of Year 12 students.

As with all previous guideline changes there will be a period of time where further information will be disseminated to schools. There are some questions around mixing age groups in schools under the new guidelines which we are hoping for greater clarity in the coming days.



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