

Community Update

Dear parents and carers

A big thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting our school and students during the pandemic – especially prioritising safety and learning.

The Premier and Minister for Education have announced changes to school settings for the remainder of Term 1. These updated settings were developed in close consultation with NSW Health and key stakeholders to ensure we continue to keep our schools open for learning, while keeping up with changing community settings.

The updated settings include:

- From Monday 28 February, we will move to symptomatic testing. Tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is symptomatic or there are cases in their class. Our school has provided each student and staff member with 5 tests or 10 tests for staff and students in the support classes. In 2 weeks when supplies arrive, each student and staff member will receive another 3 tests and 10 tests for staff and students in the support classes.
- Beyond that, students and staff can access PCR tests or buy their own rapid antigen tests as these are now readily available and accessible in the community.
- From Monday 28 February, masks will no longer be mandatory for students or staff. However, those who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so.
- **FOR WORKERS SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY** – In line with community settings, workers who support our students with disability in SSPs, support units and some mainstream classrooms will be required to wear masks while working with students.

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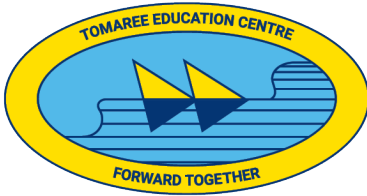
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- From Monday 28 February, visitors can be allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process.
- As of Monday 28 February, students will no longer be required to be kept in year groups or other cohorts.

Our school will continue to ensure our layered COVID-smart measures are in place, including vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation in learning spaces, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.

In line with NSW Health, we strongly encourage our students and their families to consider vaccination including boosters when eligible.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

Paul Baxter | Principal

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