



RANGEVILLE STATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

As announced by the Premier on Sunday 9 January, the start of the 2022 school year in Queensland will move from 24 January to 7 February to avoid opening schools during the predicted peak of the Omicron wave and allow more time for children to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Our school will remain open for children of essential workers and vulnerable children during this period and will be provided with appropriate supervision only.

Essential workers are only those who absolutely must continue to attend their workplace during this time. The Department of Education has asked all parents to consider the Chief Health Officer's advice and stay home with your children if you can.

If you need to send your child to school you must ensure your child is well and not displaying any signs of illness.

We are reducing the number of staff on our school site to minimise transmission and further protect the health and safety of our school community.

School staff will supervise any students who attend school. We will not be providing teaching activities during this time, nor are you expected to supervise remote learning for students who remain at home.

However, if you would like to support your child's learning during this time you can access the Department of Education's [learning@home website](#). [This site contains a range of student learning material and links to other high-quality education websites.](#)

Supervision of essential workers or vulnerable children:

What to expect:

- School Hours/Routine:
 - Normal School hours will operate during this two-week supervision period.
 - Supervision of students from 8:30 am in the covered play area
 - Morning Session starts at 8:45 am
 - Morning Tea 10:50 am
 - Lunchtime 1:00 pm
 - Afternoon session finishes at 2:55 pm
- Parents will be expected to provide food and drink for morning tea and lunch each day



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What should students bring to this two-week supervision period?

- Mask wearing for primary school children is not mandated, however they wish to wear/bring one to school they are welcomed to.
- They should bring with them the following named items:
 - Whiteboards and whiteboard markers
 - Pencil case including glue, scissors etc
 - A ream of A4 photocopied paper
 - Folder for storing any drawings, activities etc
 - 1 scrap book for Prep – Year 2

During this two-week supervision period, teachers may also ask the students to bring in colouring in, balls, skipping ropes, puzzles, books, board games or other activities. These will be communicated by individual year levels and teachers.

What should they wear during this two-week supervision period?

They should wear school sports uniform, sneakers, sunscreen and wear a hat. A small backpack is also useful.

Planned Transition Activities

Book Drop Off – Thursday 20 January 2022 – Postponed

The planned Book Drop Off for this coming Thursday has been postponed. We intend to implement this during the week of 31 January – 4 February 2022. Further planning and communication of how this will be managed will be sent next week.

Prep Welcome BBQ – Postponed

The Prep Welcome BBQ planned for the 24 January 2022 has been postponed and a future date will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Visitors on school sites

Unvaccinated visitors can enter school sites, but must be [fully vaccinated](#) by 23 January 2022 to work or volunteer at a school.

All visitors on school sites are kindly reminded to not visit a school if you are sick. Anyone who is showing signs of illness or feeling unwell must stay at home, contact their doctor or call 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84) and get tested.

Please also refer to Queensland Health requirements for [confirmed cases or close contacts](#).

Parents and carers

Parents and carers are welcome on school sites and are not required to be [fully vaccinated](#). Parents must adhere to Chief Health Officer directions and restrictions, e.g. face masks. You may be asked to check in via the [Check In Qld app](#) when attending these events for contact tracing purposes.

Parents who are volunteers or workers attending a school site must be [fully vaccinated](#) for COVID-19 by 23 January 2022.



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Adults are kindly reminded to maintain physical distancing at all times, especially at drop-off and pick-up time, in the car park, outside classrooms and at the school gate.

What safety measures have been put in place at Rangeville State School?

Rangeville State School continues to enact consistent and effective cleaning practices to promote safety within the context of our school. This includes the mandating of masks for all adults and students who are 12 years old, education on protocols of coughing, handwashing, personal hygiene, desk/workstation hygiene, touch point cleaning, availability of hand sanitiser, social distancing education/expectations, risk awareness and mitigation and other processes and practices in line with Public Health & Safety directives. All staff on site have also been double vaccinated or triple vaccinated and are expected to be masked unless able to socially distance.

What ifs...

What if my child has COVID-19?

Please inform the administration office, who in turn will notify your child's teacher and members of the leadership team. Please then care for your child in your home and follow the government guidelines. Seek medical attention as required.

It is not an expectation that positive COVID-19 Cases require further communication with families or the community.

What if my child is a confirmed close contact and attending the school?

Please inform the administration office, who in turn will notify your child's teacher and members of the leadership team. Please then care for your child in your home and follow the government guidelines and seek medical attention if required.

What if my child suddenly becomes sick with flu-like symptoms while at school?

They should report this to a staff member as soon as possible and they will be sent to the office. They will be physically isolated in a space near the Front Office and parents will be contacted to collect them immediately from school. Please note that the staff will contact the emergency contact people listed on our data base. The area will then be COVID-19 cleaned. Children should then stay at home and be COVID tested in line with the government recommendations.

Vaccinations for students

We encourage all families to consider vaccinating their children. Schools are unable to mandate this.

I realise these latest developments may create challenges for families; please be assured these decisions have been taken as a necessary response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

The Department of Education will continue to keep all principals up-to-date with any further changes to schooling over the coming weeks and I will continue to provide parents with this information as it becomes available. Further information for parents has been developed including [frequently asked questions](#).



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I encourage you to stay informed of the latest developments relating to COVID-19 by regularly visiting the [Queensland Government website](#).

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during this difficult and unprecedented time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours in Education

Ben Kidd Principal – Rangeville State School.