



PARENT BRIEFING #17 COVID-19



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you may be aware, the State Government has mandated that all school staff are required to be double dose vaccinated before Term 1, 2022 starts.

The State Government has issued [Education Worker \(Restrictions on Access\) Directions \(No. 3\)](#), which are published on wa.gov.au. These Directions include vaccination requirements for visitors entering school sites.

Please note, students **are not required** to be vaccinated, however children aged over 12 can receive the COVID-19 vaccination, with access likely to be extended to children over the age of 5 in January. If you have any concerns, please discuss your child's vaccination requirements with your doctor.

Parents/carers **are not required** to be vaccinated when:

- dropping off or picking up their child from school;
- volunteering at school on an ad hoc basis – which means attendance at no more than one education facility no more than once per week.
- attending an event such as an assembly or parent teacher interview; or
- entering the school after hours.

Parents/carers **are required** to provide vaccination evidence (single dose vaccinated from 1 January 2022 and double dose vaccinated from 31 January 2022) or exemption when:

- volunteering at the school/s **more than once a week** (this includes volunteering at the school canteen, uniform store or an in-class literacy or numeracy program);
- working in an unpaid capacity at the school/s **more than once a week**; or
- participating in an endorsed program at the school where parent attendance is required **more than once a week**, such as Playgroups or Aboriginal Families as First Educators (AFaFE)

The following are acceptable forms of evidence of COVID-19 vaccination or exemption:

- written confirmation of the COVID-19 vaccination issued by the Department of Health
- the COVID-19 digital certificate, which shows only your COVID-19 vaccinations and you can access information on how to get your COVID-19 digital certificate [here](#)
- an International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate issued by the Commonwealth Government. This shows the COVID-19 vaccination recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register
- medical exemption issued by the Australian Immunisation Register
- a temporary exemption granted by the WA Chief Health Officer

We are committed to ensuring our school is a COVID-19 safe space. The Department of Health has provided clear directions regarding the requirements to keep students, staff members and our community safe. If you have any queries, please contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Andrea Millar
Principal