



COVID-19 - Guidelines for Al-Faisal Colleges (Auburn, Campbelltown, Liverpool)

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COVID-19 requirements	Element	Key considerations	COVID Safety Plan support resources
General COVID-19 requirements in schools	NSW Health Locations of known transmission	<p>All staff must monitor the NSW Health website for locations where there may have been exposure to COVID-19 and adhere to the advice as appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical infection control guidelines must be adhered to, including hygiene requirements for use of equipment • Alternative options should be considered when planning school activities in case there are sudden changes to restrictions or a need to cancel events <p>Staff & parents will be informed via communication (email, online platforms, portal, website) of any new COVID-19 restrictions or updates.</p>	Latest News Updates
	Reporting of cases of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If students / staff test COVID positive. The Rapid Antigen Home Test (RAHT) results need to be reported using the Service NSW App or Portal. • The designated coordinator at each school will also need to be notified for only positive RAHT/PCR test results. • All parents/students/staff must follow the NSW Health advice and isolate for 7 days. <p>Further information is available from the AISNSW Contacts on the portal.</p>	
	Use of Rapid Antigen Home Test (RAHT) kits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAHT kits are to be used for 'symptomatic testing' for the remainder of the term, meaning that if staff or students feel symptomatic or sick the RAHT kits can be used at their own discretion. 	Coronavirus COVID-19 Action Plan

	<p>Health and Safety Measures WHS COVID Risk Assessment Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperature checking • Social & Physical distancing • School hygiene measures • Cleaning Regime • Ventilation • Mask wearing 	<p>To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school community, we have established the following measures as guided by NSW Health for the return to on-site learning for all students and staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If students/staff appear unwell or have a temperature, students will be sent to the office and have parents called to go home / staff member will need to go home. • All students will have designated areas/playground space. • Where possible we will restrict activities to within cohorts. • Social & Physical Distancing: where possible students will be spread out in classrooms and other school areas. • No student to enter classroom for duty of care purposes. Students will only enter room if there is a teacher present. • Students and staff will need to maintain strict personal hygiene (regular and rigorous hand washing) and use hand sanitisers. • We will continue with our additional cleaning and hygiene protocols, including high touch surfaces & traffic areas: bathrooms, desks, door handles, stair well railings etc. • Staff will ensure where possible, windows and doors will be kept open to allow for effective air flow / use of outdoor open spaces. • Staff, students and visitors are encouraged to wear masks in any indoor setting. • Face masks should be a plain blue/black cloth mask or a blue/white/black disposable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Face masks must be fitted and worn correctly, covering the nose and mouth. <p>A staggered and phased approach to easing of mask restriction will be introduced on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from Monday 28 February, masks will no longer be mandatory for high school staff or students. • from Monday 7 March, masks will no longer be mandatory for primary school staff. 	<p>NSW Health COVID-19</p> <p>Mask Wearing – Current PHO</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask wearing on transport • Staff vaccinations • Compliance with Public Health Order 	<p>Requirement of masks on transport (public/chartered/private):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks are still mandatory for students aged 12 years and older and staff who are travelling to and from school and during school excursions when catching public transport, chartered or private transport services. • Ensuring that staff who work at the school are vaccinated in line with NSW Health Advice • Compliance with the PHO, which mandates staff vaccination from 8 November 2021. 	
	<p>Attendance at school (onsite)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vaccination Status • Student Vaccine Status • Face-to-face learning 	<p>As per Public Health Order (PHO) all staff onsite will need to have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence of one single dose of vaccine or two doses of vaccine. 2. Staff will need to be fully vaccinated by the 8th November or have a contraindication certificate. 3. A 3rd booster shot will be mandated approx. 4 months after the 2nd dose. NSW Health will release a deadline for the due date. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help us respond quickly to any potential COVID cases at Al-Faisal College, we will be asking families to inform the school when their child is vaccinated by completing an online form. As with other private family information shared at enrolment, this documentation will be treated confidentially and only accessed by staff responsible for managing risks to health and safety in our school (Privacy Act). We ask parents to forward a copy of certificate of COVID vaccine once students have received both COVID vaccine doses. <p>Attendance – Onsite Teaching and Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to Face teaching will continue unless a staff member or student are isolating due to COVID-19 or if they are a household contact. • Parents must inform the designated coordinator if their child has COVID-19, is isolating or a household contact. Parents will be advised about any 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff or students who are not well • Poor attendance 	<p><u>Attendance of staff or students who are unwell</u> Staff and students should not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative RAHT test result, are symptom-free.</p> <p>In circumstances where children/staff have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms or test COVID-19 positive for longer than 7 days, a letter from their GP is sufficient to indicate an approved medical clearance in order to return to school.</p> <p><u>Poor Attendance</u> Some students, parents or staff may have health concerns that put them in high-risk groups or categories.</p> <p>Teachers will only upload information on the portal or platforms for students who are isolating, household contacts or are deemed as having a health condition that is high-risk.</p> <p>Parents must have prior discussions with the designated executive at each respective school to inform them about their child’s absence and work posted online.</p> <p>Students who do not attend school without a valid reason will be subject to Attendance procedures as outlined in our policy such as: probation / a School Attendance Improvement Plan or joint meetings with AISNSW Student Services team / Police Youth Liaison Officer.</p> <p>If there is an ongoing pattern of poor attendance the school will review children’s enrolment if they do not attend school following this advice provided.</p>	
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	Personal Hygiene	<p>All staff should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff are encouraged to wear a mask in an indoor setting • Wash their hands regularly and/or use hand sanitiser throughout the day • Staff should support and encourage students to wash hands regularly • Maintain respiratory hygiene – cover a cough/sneeze (into elbow) or dispose of tissues • Tissues and other personal use items must be disposed of immediately into the bin • Avoid any physical contact in greetings, such as shaking hands or hugging • Stay home if feeling unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and get tested. • Posters on personal hygiene to be displayed in schools and workplaces 	<p>Infection Control – Practical Guide for School Environments</p> <p>Cough etiquette</p> <p>Hand wash</p>
	Hygiene and Cleaning	<p>Enhanced cleaning arrangements may remain in place such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional cleaning time for the daily clean • Cleaners to wipe down high touch surfaces eg hand rails, door knobs etc • Schools to have supplies of hygiene products available for use eg sanitisers for classrooms / designated rooms • Ensure bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap 	
	Staff Professional Development (PD)	<p>All staff professional learning or development will run or be hosted online.</p>	
	HSC Examinations	<p><u>COVID Safe Exam Procedures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimising contact between individuals and exam cohorts. • Following strict personal and environmental hygiene and infection control procedures. <p><u>Examination Venue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All examinations will take place in the designated halls/venue. • Students will undertake screenings procedures when arriving for examinations. Students will be required to social distance. 	<p>HSC Exam COVID-Safe Guidelines (Students, Presiding Officer and Supervisors)</p>

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	Prayer, Sports and Physical Activities, offsite sports venues/facilities Assemblies, Events, Excursions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School activities and events will be planned in a COVID-safe way by implementing school-based risk assessments / risk mitigation processes to enable continuity of education and to support students' well-being. All sport, assemblies, prayer, events and excursions will be held in accordance with hygiene, health and safety measures. WHS/Risks assessments will be conducted to mitigate any possible/foreseeable risks associated with the activities / events. 	COVID Safety Plans COVID Safety Plan template
	Parents/prospective parents on school grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal / limited parent access to school office area. All students are to be dropped off in the morning and collected in afternoon from designated pickup point. Parents are encouraged to wear face masks, socially distance from each other & not congregate near school gates. All payments & enquiries can be made via telephone. Parents are more than welcome to email the school for any information or refer to the school website for the Expression of Interest Form 	
	NESA & AISNSW Guidelines for HSC students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NESA is working closely with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), NSW Health, relevant agencies and the school sectors to ensure the HSC continues to operate in the safest way possible in the COVID-19 environment. Al-Faisal College will follow recommendations of NESA & AISNSW. 	NESA COVID Response Committee
	COVID-19 Safety Plans	<p>COVID-19 Safety Plans are required for events / activities as set out in these guidelines, particularly those that involve the school community and gatherings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to current Public Health Order for more information on any restrictions. 	COVID Safety Plans COVID Safety Plan template