



**Carey**  
Baptist  
College  
Harrisdale

## Returning to School Week 2, Term 1 2021 Harrisdale Secondary

Dear Secondary Community

The staff at Carey Baptist College are looking forward to welcoming back our students to our first day for 2021 on Monday 8 February.

As you are aware there are a few changes to our operational guidelines this week due to the COVID-19 restrictions that have been put in place across the metropolitan area. Whilst we are working to minimise the impact on staff and students, we do ask for your help and support to make sure we have a smooth start to the year.

As announced yesterday evening, masks will be required to be worn by all school staff, parents and Secondary students for the next 5 days (masks are not required for primary school students).

Students are required to equip themselves with their own surgical or reusable fabric masks. We recommend that if possible they wear a reusable mask, both for comfort and to minimise wastage. Masks should not depict images or logos that are inappropriate. The College will have a supply of disposable masks at the front desk if a student loses or breaks a mask. Non-compliance will be treated in the spirit of the Student Code of Conduct. Teachers will be permitted to remove their mask when teaching at the front of the classroom to enable clear enunciation, which is an appropriate accommodation. Students will also be allowed to remove masks in Physical Education classes that involve rigorous outdoor exercise.

To further reduce risk we are asking that parents avoid coming on-site unless their son or daughter is attending the College for the first time. If parents need to be onsite, please sign in at the front desk using the SAFE WA app and QR code. On Monday, Year 7 parents do not need to go to Student Reception to sign in, they will be able to sign in at the College front gates with the SAFE WA app.

As challenging as this will be for all of us, please adhere to these requirements with humour and a willingness to actively protect all members of our community.

### Parent Information Evenings

Parent information nights for Weeks 1 and 2 have been rescheduled:

Week 3	Year 7	Mon 15 February 6:30-8:00
	Year 12	Wed 17 February 6:30-8:00
	Year 10	Thur 18 February 6:30-8:00
Week 4	Year 11	Mon 22 February 6:30-8:00
	Year 8	Wed 24 February 6:30-8:00
	Year 9	Thur 25 February 6:30-8:00

## Assemblies

Week 3	Years 10-12	Thur 18 February
Week 4	Years 7-9	Thur 25 February

## Other Changes:

- Monday for Years 7-12 will be as planned for Week 1.
- All students are to wear their PE uniforms all day this week.
- 'Oliver' rehearsals will resume (with masks).
- Music lessons will commence. However, ensembles will not commence until Week 3.
- Excursions for Week 2 have been cancelled or rescheduled.
- Lunch orders will recommence as of Monday 8 February.

Further adaptations to the term will be communicated via email.

## Medical Exemptions

Some students may not be able to wear a mask or attend the College for medical reasons. In these circumstances, please provide student absentees with a medical certificate and students will be directed to work independently from home on SEQTA ([Student Portal](#)) ([Parent Portal](#)). If you, as a parent, are unable to log on to SEQTA please contact [Mrs Kathleen Lacey](#) who will be able to assist you.

At all times throughout this journey, the College will prioritise the health of our staff and our students. Please demonstrate your support by adhering to all [Department of Health](#) directives. If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school at this time.

If you are new or if you lack pastoral support, please contact Carey Baptist Church at [info@careychurch.asn.au](mailto:info@careychurch.asn.au) or for pastoral support from the College, please contact [Dr Carolyn Montgomery](#), [Mr Nick Harris](#) or your child's Year Manager.

Yours sincerely

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