

GENERAL

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Date of Return to School:

- Out of an abundance of caution, the Board of Management at Dominican College set forth new measures designed to minimise of risk of Covid-19 in the school. Covid-19 Response Plan is available to all parents / guardians from the school website and has been developed to address the risk of Covid-19. It outlines the measures we are committed to implementing in addressing these risks.
  - Parents / Guardians / Students need to familiarise themselves with the Symptoms of Covid-19 i.e. Fever or Chills, Cough, Shortness of breath, Fatigue, Aches and Pains. Students should immediately inform their Teacher should they experience any of these symptoms.
- The infographic consists of six yellow boxes with icons and text:
 
  - Wash**: Wash your hands well and often to avoid contamination.
  - Cover**: Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue.
  - Avoid**: Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
  - Clean**: Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
  - Stop**: Stop shaking hands or hugging when saying hello or greeting other people.
  - Distance**: Stay off at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell.
- “Stay at home if unwell” Policy is in operation at Dominican College. This means that if any student displays symptoms of Covid-19 they should stay at home. Should a student display symptoms in class, they will be immediately isolated on the school premises and the parent /guardian will be contacted to collect the student.
  - **Classrooms** - Student based classrooms are in operation i.e. Teachers will now travel between classes to minimise student interactions. Where students are moving to specialist classrooms, they should sit with their base classroom classmates.
  - **Student Lockers** will not be available.
  - **Cleaning** - We will see increased cleaning schedules from the start of the new school year. Cleaners will now start earlier and will focus on sanitising touch points i.e. handrails, door handles, in addition to our normal schedule of cleaning.
  - **Hygiene** - Students are expected to wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds using hot water and soap at various points throughout the school day i.e. before and after each break.
  - **PPE Packs** - will be available in each classroom comprising of Hand Sanitiser, Disposable Gloves & Face Masks (for those presenting with symptoms).
  - **Hand Sanitising Stations are located as follows** - All student entrances, outside each toilet block, outside the staff room door, In each classroom, In all meeting areas, additional drums of sanitising wipes are located in the practical rooms i.e. to ensure desks, tables, equipment etc. are cleaned down at the start and end of each class and when sharing equipment between students. They should be used throughout the day. Students are asked to bring their own sanitiser also. Students are advised to not (either intentionally or accidentally) ingest hand sanitiser.
  - **Respiratory Etiquette** - Students are reminded to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing / coughing. Used tissues should be discarded immediately in the nearest available waste bin. Cups, bottles, pens are not to be shared.
  - **Contact Tracing Log** - is in operation for the detection and isolation of close contacts of a suspected / confirmed case of Covid-19. VS Ware will be the primary tool used for retrospectively tracing movements of students.
  - **Only authorised personnel allowed in the building** i.e. those who have filled out the Covid-19 Self Declaration Form. Visitors to the school are now by appointment only. Students should now bring with them what they need to school each morning.
  - **Collecting students from school** - Parents / guardians are asked to not come to the reception when collecting a student. They should phone the school office, indicate that they are in the car park to collect the student. The secretary will sign the sign out book as confirmation and then let the student leave.
  - **Social Distancing** is important - Maintain at least 2 metres where at all possible and 1 metre in the classroom.
  - **Use of PPE** - we will follow the latest Public Health Advice regarding use of Face Masks in Dominican College.
  - **Water Dispensers / Fountains have been disconnected as a key control measure in preventing the transmission of the Covid-19 in the school.** Students are expected to bring their own water to school each day.
  - **Blended Learning Plan** - as the Covid-19 crisis continues to evolve, Dominican College will take appropriate steps to safeguard our school community. This may see a return to distance learning / blended learning environment using G-Suite for Education and other technologies. We will provide more information if / when this is likely in the school.
  - **If a student develops Covid-19 Symptoms in school the procedure is as follows:**
    - The school will provide the student with a mask and disposable gloves from the PPE Pack in each classroom. Suspected Case shall wear the mask at all times up until they leave the school premises.
    - The student will be accompanied to the Meeting Room adjacent to Office (the primary isolation room) or where already occupied the Boardroom at the main Entrance (the secondary isolation room) keeping at least 2 metres distance.
    - The school will contact home to arrange transport home or to hospital for medical assessment. Public transport of any kind should not be used.
    - The student shall avoid touching other people, surfaces and objects so far as is reasonably possible.
    - The student should cover their mouth and nose with disposable tissue provided when they cough or sneeze and put the tissue in the waste bag provided.
    - Once the student has left the premises, appropriate cleaning of the isolation area and classrooms will take place.
    - Dominican College will provide assistance if contacted by the HSE.