



January 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students

Welcome to my information letter number 2 for 2022. Some of this information I shared last week but this keeps it all in one place. Also, I will monitor the possibility of Industrial Action and notify parents of any changes, if needed, early next week.

Beginning of the Year Arrangements:

Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February – As mentioned last week teachers are preparing for Online Learning. Students of essential workers may attend school where they will be supervised in the school library.

Please advise the school if your child will be attending via phoning 8394 5400 during business hours.

Attending students report to the library at 8:45am.

Wednesday 2 February- At this stage Year 7, Year 8 and Year 12 will return to school along with Students **new** to Unley High School in Years 9, 10, and 11 attending for the morning. Years 9 to 11 begin learning online.

- *Year 7 Students* – Report to the new Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) **by 8:45am**.
- *Year 8 Students* – Report to the Gymnasium **by 8:45am**
- *Year 12 Students (including new students)* – Meet in the George Cresswell Hall at **9:00am**. Year 12 students will attend extended Home Group 8:45am till 9:55am and all timetabled lessons. Study lessons for the first two weeks, will be at home. Negotiate with the Year 12 Year Level Leader, Mr Michelmore, where needed.

Please note that parking regulations have changed on Kitchener Street to support smoother drop off in peak times.

As mentioned last week VET programs will now start on 14 February 2022.

Online Learning – As mentioned last week teachers will be communicating with students via Zoom and Google Classroom and access timetables through DAYMAP as usual. To receive the links to Zoom and Google Classroom students will need to use their new email address as the old @uhs.sa.edu.au server no longer exists. Our IT team has sent change-over information to all parents but if you have missed the emails simply access the change via the following:

NEW Student Email:

Please ask your students to follow this link for information on how to find their new email and log into the new EdPass System on their devices.

<https://uhs.sa.edu.au/2022-tech-info/>

This Link and Daymap will also be available from our website www.uhs.sa.edu.au

If you have any questions or need further assistance please email dl.0797.techsupport@schools.sa.edu.au



Year 7 & 8 students not attending school

Some parents have chosen to keep Year 7 or 8 students at home for the first two weeks for a range of reasons. While we are not able to provide full online learning for these students they can still access classwork via google classroom. Please contact your child's Home Group teacher for assistance.

Ventilation

We have received the results of our ventilation audit. The school is in a very good place to provide excellent ventilation. All the capital works buildings and renovations have the latest air replacement systems and the other rooms have air-conditioning along with active windows.

Masks & Hand Washing

Regular hand washing and the wearing of Masks are required at school. Masks must be worn in all indoor settings by staff and students. If a student is not able to wear a mask for health reasons please inform the school so we can share this information with staff. I also ask parents of non-mask students to please have a conversation to prepare students for school and the current COVID setting. Please explain to students that teachers will set up their classrooms for maximum safety so if they place non-mask students in a different way it is important for students to understand it is for safety and no other reason. Also, all students will need to wear a mask, for a short time, if they wish to access the school canteen once it opens fully later in the term.

Canteen

To begin the school year and to manage reduced contact the canteen will only be open for pre-order and collection. This process will be reviewed after Week 4.

- Year 7 to 10 (Only Year 7 & 8 in Week 1 & 2) – Place orders at the southern canteen window from 8:15am till 8:40am for pick up at either recess or lunch or both.
- Year 11 & 12 (Only Year 12 in Week 1 & 2) – Place orders at the southern canteen window from 8:15am till 10:45am for pick up at either recess or lunch or both.

School Uniform

Due to the Pandemic the Uniform Shop has experienced disruptions to supply. However, the good news is the Unley High School Blue Polo tops have arrived and are being packaged to send to home addresses. Parents may also contact the shop to arrange pick up.

Items still awaiting arrival are the PE Polo and the winter skirt. Therefore, to start the school year students without a PE Polo may wear a plain active sport top for the first four weeks and plain navy-blue shorts.

There is still the expectation that correct black leather lace up school shoes or black leather T-bar school shoes will be worn accompanied by plain navy, black or white crew socks with no visible logos. Also, the length of summer dresses, skirts and shorts should be a maximum of 10cm above the knee. All of these items can be purchased from a range of shopping outlets.



COVID Protocol in Brief

Following is a summary of the protocol sent home last week

Notify the school immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

If a student or teacher in class tests positive, they will be deemed a classroom contact and the following will occur:

- Parents of that class will be notified of the positive case
- All students without symptoms can continue attending school. No rapid antigen test required.
- If symptoms develop (even mild) keep the student home from school, and get a COVID-19 test.

Any student who has worked 1:1 with a COVID positive staff member will complete 7 days of rapid antigen testing ('test to stay') each morning before attending school. We will provide the testing kits. Alternatively, a student can quarantine for 7 days if parents wish.

It is recommended that classroom contacts should avoid attending extra-curricular-based activities for the 7 days.

It's vitally important that you keep your child/ren home if they are:

- unwell
- experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms
- any other member of the household has COVID-19
- they are a close contact for a person who has COVID-19 and are required to quarantine

These protocols will be in place until the end of week 4 of term 1 where they will be reviewed.

Yours sincerely

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