

# Cambridge Gardens Public School

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## COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Dear Parents and Community Members

As you would be aware with the current situation in Sydney the NSW government has imposed stronger restrictions across the community and overnight, schools have received guidelines on how this affects us.

All schools can continue to operate full-time on site.

Schools should exclude non-essential school visitors from school premises. In light of this restriction we ask that parents remain off-site and children to walk independently into the school. We ask that parents limit any visit to the school office to only essential reasons. Please make use of the phone (47301201) and the school email prior to attending in person.

Schools should defer school-initiated non-curricular social activities such as school discos.

Schools should ensure that essential school visitors continue to check in via the Service NSW QR code app and/or sign in for each visit and comply with the department's COVID safe requirements, including personal hygiene, infection control and physical distancing requirements, while on the school site.

Staff and students in school settings are exempt from the requirement to wear masks, however individuals will be supported to wear masks if it is their preference to do so. Masks remain mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 12 years and over, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered or private transport services.

Students and staff 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 test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurring symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test. Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested immediately and self-isolate until a negative result is received. We understand this causes the greatest inconvenience for parents but our staff will be requiring parents to pick up students who have even mild symptoms.

We are lucky that this has occurred prior to our school holiday period and we hope that these restrictions will be lifted before we return to school. It is important to note that there are no guarantees that this may be the case so please keep a look out for our update around the Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival and our NAIDOC Assembly in Week 1.

As always we thank our school community for your support of our school as we implement the expected guidelines. We understand the frustration and confusion that this can cause with the inconsistencies we experience across the community and across schools.

Please don't hesitate to ring the school to discuss any questions or clarifications you require around these guidelines and practices.

Have a great day!



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