



# Murray Bridge High School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Following advice from SA Health and the Department for Education, it is now time for **all students to return to face to face learning at school.**

Students are **required to attend** school unless they:

- have a chronic medical condition or compromised immune system and are not able to attend school on advice from their medical practitioner
- live in a household with others that are deemed vulnerable to COVID-19 and are not able to attend school on advice of their medical practitioner
- have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have been required to self-isolate by SA Health.

I will now need to formalise the process for this term by asking all parent/caregivers who believe they meet these requirements to fill out an exemption form (available from student services) and attach a medical certificate.

For the ongoing safety of all students and staff, please keep your child at home if they are unwell, and as per normal practice notify the school via the attendance hotline. We ask that you present a medical certificate if over three days.

If we have not heard from you and have been unable to make contact to verify the wellbeing of your child; and/or your child has not been engaged in learning we will follow-up with:

- Repeated texts, emails and phone calls
- Activating a SAPOL child wellbeing check
- Reporting to the child abuse and neglect hotline
- Notifying Centrelink if applicable

The message is clear, school is the best place for young people to be. We look forward to welcoming back all students to classrooms, so that they can take part in collaborative and targeted learning across all areas of the curriculum.

We understand that some young people are experiencing high levels of anxiety and mental health concerns are resulting in them not wanting to go to school. We want to work together with you to support your child, including referral to agencies that can best assist to build up to a positive daily school attendance experience.

Regards,

Ruth Mussger  
Principal