



# Covid-19 Statement

At Lambert School we take the safety of our students and staff very seriously, and believe that a rigorous, science-based approach is critical for protecting our community from the spread of infectious diseases. The following is a living document, to be reviewed as community guidelines change and new scientific data emerges.

## **Covid-19 Counter Measures**

The following is a list of measures taken against the spread of Covid-19. The items mentioned are subject to change depending on State and Federal Government guidelines.

### **Masks**

The wearing of a mask is mandatory in all Tasmanian schools. Students and staff are to wear a suitable mask that covers both the nose and mouth. Masks must be worn at all times, unless eating, drinking, or in a learning situation that requires seeing the face (E.g., some Drama activities). Spare masks are available to individuals that require one and may be sourced from the school kitchen or by asking a staff member.

### **Social Distancing**

Students are required to partake in social distancing behaviours. Students are to remain 1.5 meters apart where possible. Social distancing applies at all times unless it impacts student learning (E.g., sitting around a table in class or while eating).

### **Room occupancy**

Each room at Lambert School has been calculated for maximum occupancy for adults. These occupancy limits are displayed next to entrances to the room.

## Vaccination

It is recommended that all staff be vaccinated against Covid-19. See the *Mandatory Vaccination against Covid-19* policy for more information.

## Hygiene

Staff and students are to maintain good hygiene practices. This includes:

- sterilizing hands upon entry to the school
- frequent hand washing with anti-bacterial soap or hand sanitiser
- coughing and sneezing into the elbow not the hand
- proper disposal of items such as tissues
- not coming to school when unwell

## Testing

Staff and students are given two rapid antigen tests (RATs) to take at home when necessary.

Students are to take a test when feeling unwell. If positive, they are to notify the school and stay home until they get a negative result. A person who tests positive, and the immediate family of that person, must follow all current government guidelines. This may include the time they must isolate, who must isolate, any further tests, and reporting the positive case.

If the test is negative, they can return to school when they no longer have symptoms. Once a test has been used the student or staff member can get a replacement from the school by asking staff.

## Signage at Entrance

At the entrance to the school there should be a reminder to those entering that they should:

- Not feeling unwell or having any Covid-19 symptoms
- They must not currently be required to isolate
- That all people entering must sanitise their hands.
- Adults must be vaccinated.
- Remind those entering that masks are required for those over the age of 12
- To consider if their visit could be covered by a phone call or email
- That visitors are required to sign in to the log book by the phone
- (if applicable) that all people over the age of 16 need to sign in using the QR code
- Parents picking up their children should remain out the front and not enter the building if possible.

## **Visitors**

Any visitors to the school must sign in to the log book by the phone. They must sanitise their hands, and all adults must be vaccinated. Visitors should consider if their visit could be covered by a phone call or an email instead.