

Subject: **COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY**

Covers: **ALL STAFF**

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Purpose

This policy aims to promote positive attitudes towards protection from COVID-19 by vaccination and recognises that full vaccination provides the best possible protection from the risk of COVID-19.

Policy Statement

The Tasmanian Department of Health advises that staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines, including booster doses, provides protection from severe illness due to COVID-19.

This policy recognises that full vaccination provides the best possible protection from the risk of COVID-19, and that staff getting vaccinated has many benefits, including:

- staff are less likely to get sick and become very unwell or die from COVID-19;
- To protect students, family members of staff, and the wider community, especially people who are at most risk from severe illness;
- The virus will have a harder time spreading in the school community.

In line with Public Health advice, staff will be encouraged to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

This policy will be updated from time to time to reflect changes in Public Health advice regarding COVID-19 vaccinations.

Families and volunteers are welcome at the School, for indoor and outdoor activities and events, as long as they do not have symptoms, practise COVID-safe behaviours and follow any school advice.

The School at times may need to implement additional risk mitigations for events and activities to minimise the risk of COVID-19, such as limiting the number of attendees or requiring physical distancing. The School community will be advised if there are any changes to the School's current practice.