

COVID-19 Response

St Albert's College will be available for our students who require the support as a place of residence in 2021. The College will adhere to government regulations, and work to ensure that mitigants are in place to deal with inherent risks identified by Board and Management.

As expected, Government legislation at the time of return will be the major determining factor of our capability to support our students. At present students are able to move freely between residences, and the NSW Borders unlike our surrounding states are open.

Please see below the plan outlining the process for returning students as well as the protocols in place in preparation for Trimester 1 2021.

Returning to Albies and Armidale

- All students and staff from hotspots as identified on the Covid-19 websites below need to be tested for Covid-19 and show a negative result in the week prior to Trimester 1 commencing.

[New South Wales](#)

[Queensland](#)

[Victoria](#)

[Australian Capital Territory](#)

[South Australia](#)

[Northern Territory](#)

[Western Australia](#)

[Tasmania](#)

- Expectation that all students remain transparent with College administration about their movements prior to arrival, and any risks that may have been associated with their arrangements in the weeks leading up to arrival.
- Students to read, confirm and accept the SAC Covid-19 Student Agreement



St Albert's College

2021 Covid-19 Student Agreement

As part of my return to College I agree to;

- Download and continually run the COVIDSAFE app
- Engage correctly with the daily SMS self-health check-in process
- If experiencing any flu-like symptoms;
 - Remain in room
 - Contact duty phone and await instructions from College Management
- Use of allocated shower and toilet
- Adhere to dining room protocols
 - Attend meals at designated time-slot
 - Maintain strict hand hygiene when entering the servery and salad bar station
 - Use alcohol wipes to wipe down my eating area after use
 - Vacate the dining hall 1/2 hour prior to service
 - Respect social distance markers
- Adhere to current regulations regarding capacity limits in common areas
- Notify the College of any travel plans that will take me outside of the New England Region. As defined by New England Federal Electorate
- Notify the College of any visitors who have spent time anytime in the last 14 days outside of the New England Region. As defined by New England Federal Electorate

- Requirement to download of the Covid-Safe app as this will allow immediate notification to all students and staff should a case occur.
- Staggered enrolment process – maximum sixty students per day on a rostered timetable.
- When travelling within Armidale students must maintain social distancing protocols as expected by other members of the Armidale community.
- There will be an isolation house (148 Handel St, Armidale) – where students will be isolated whilst awaiting their Covid-19 result.

Transmission of Covid-19 linked to social interactions and community living

(Social Gatherings)

- Maintaining current restrictions regarding the organisation of events. The restrictions on social events will be continually reviewed in accordance with government announcements.
- This statement would be visible throughout the college and communicated prior to arrival and included in documentation which needs to be signed.
- No visitors allowed in residential blocks.

(Dining Hall)

- With current restrictions of one person per two metre square spacing the College is comfortable that the dining hall can sit 290 students with a maximum of six students per table.
- Staggered meal times to ensure this requirement is not breached. Dining Hall will also be closed thirty minutes prior to meal times for preparation.
- Vigilance with hygiene for kitchen staff.
- Development and implementation of hand hygiene procedure for food distribution.
- Cleaning of tables and chairs between sittings. Investigating a process for students to take responsibility for the cleaning of their eating space.

(Bathrooms)

- Delegation of specific toilets and showers to students.
- Increased cleaning of toilet and showers (daily)

(Ongoing Cleaning and Hygiene)

- Currently there are contactless hand sanitizing stations at the entrance to each block including administration and entrance to servery.
- Cleaning and catering staff requested to wear PPE (personal protective equipment).
- Staff who are at risk due to age or medical complications will remain on stand-down.
- Daily check-in process, formally confirming their wellbeing, and regular temperature checks.

Covid-19 Symptoms and Action Plan

Any staff or student presenting symptoms of fever, cough, flu like, or sore throat will immediately be placed in self-isolation. The College will organise a Doctor's appointment for them that day. The student or staff member must enact on the Doctor's directive, inclusive of the need for testing for Covid-19 if requested and timelines for returning to community living.

If the student tests positive then we will work closely with UNE Medical Centre, HNE Health and follow the direct guidelines of NSW Health, who will be notified immediately. The student will remain in the isolation block until a negative test presents and she/he is confirmed as medically safe to return by NSW Health. Through utilizing the Covid-Safe App all those in contact will be tested and be placed in lockdown until results are determined and NSW Health deems them fit to return to normal activities. Meals to be delivered to block by staff member only wearing PPE. The Cleaning of the blocks would be intensive – (Government agencies sourced and utilised) All other Albies students will be asked to remain in lockdown within the college grounds to ensure that there is no potential threat to the local community.

To that end the safety and wellbeing of the student affected is our absolute priority in the short term, as well as the need to protect and ensure the health and wellbeing of the broader community of Albies.

Once again, the College aims to align itself with government regulations and support our students to have a safe and successful Trimester One. Currently Colleges around Australia are operating at a diverse range of levels from capacity through to complete closure. The UNE residential system is supporting

approximately 300 students successfully, and St Albert's aims to support our students to succeed. The College foresees a maximum of 200 students residing at College in Trimester Two, therefore operating at just under 2/3 of capacity.