

What's new:



Free rapid antigen testing

- more than 14 million rapid antigen tests to be delivered to schools and early childhood education and care settings
- twice-weekly voluntary testing at home
 - primary school students and staff
 - secondary school students and staff
- five-times-weekly voluntary testing at home
 - specialist school students and staff



Enhanced support to keep schools open and safe

- extra staff ready to step in where essential school staff are unable to work
- updated procedures and notifications to families when there are COVID-19 cases
- extra planning and support for school leadership



Keeping schools open and as safe as possible

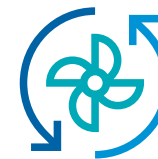
- remote learning only considered as a localised, short-term, last-resort option

Continued COVIDSafe measures: the 3Vs



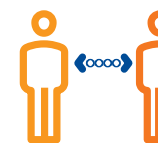
Vaccination

- staff required to be vaccinated or medically exempt
- more than 90% of children age 12 and over are now vaccinated
- roll-out of vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 through state vaccination hubs, pop-up school vaccination sites and in-reach grants



Ventilation

- delivery of 51,000 air purifiers to schools before day one of Term 1



Vital COVIDSafe steps

- physical distancing
- face masks
- regular hand hygiene
- testing