



Statement on COVID19 Vaccination – Morling College

Morling College is committed to the ongoing safety of its community, including students, staff, and visitors. Our COVIDSafe plans include information about how we can best care for one another and mitigate risks. The following gives further information about Morling College's position on vaccination.

1. We recognise the privilege of having freely available vaccinations in Australia and encourage the advocacy of those seeking to fund and provide access to those in the majority world and elsewhere who do not have the same privilege.
2. We strongly encourage people to be vaccinated as an important measure for managing the impact of the virus and caring for those in our communities, especially the vulnerable. For those who are unable to be vaccinated due to health reasons, we encourage them to acquire the applicable medical contraindication certificate for vaccination.
3. We will continue to follow the health advice from our federal and state governments regarding vaccinations. We encourage all members of our community to follow health advice and seek their own medical advice through trusted and knowledgeable sources.
4. We are committed to complying with any legislated requirements regarding vaccinations and expect that staff and students will do likewise. This includes policies from our accrediting bodies such as TEQSA and the Australian College of Theology.

Access to campus facilities

5. At the time of this edition, in both NSW and WA (the locations of our main campuses) vaccinations are *not* mandated for those in tertiary or higher education. Therefore, Morling College will *not* mandate that students or staff are fully vaccinated to attend classes on either the Morling Sydney or Morling Perth-Vose campuses, or at other hubs in NSW.
6. The Department of Health has information about people at higher risk of coronavirus (COVID19). Students who are at higher risk are encouraged to contact our Director of Student Services, [Andre Kurniawan](#), to discuss their circumstances. Where COVID19 poses a risk to a vulnerable person who is not vaccinated, the College may choose to develop an individualised risk assessment plan regarding their access to campus and how we can best support them.
7. On the Sydney campus, some organisations (e.g. Ezra Centre, MRC and offices for other organisations) will have their own policies regarding vaccinations due to their different context.

Covid19 vaccination status and study requiring placements or field work

8. Students wishing to undertake studies that require a placement as part of their course may be impacted by legislated vaccination requirements in their industry/profession. Students, therefore, should be familiar with their State's current vaccination legislation in Health, Aged Care, Education and Allied Health Professions, as well as policies for other professional bodies or organisations (eg, religious denominations, counselling, and chaplaincy associations).
9. Students who must complete a placement as part of their studies should be aware of the potential barriers if they choose not to be vaccinated. This could include not being able to complete their course of study.

Student Wellbeing

10. We are conscious of the impact of COVID19 on student wellbeing and mental health and are committed to providing support both academically and personally for this and other matters. We encourage students to contact [us](#) at any time if they need support. Government and community services information is also available on our [Student Support Services](#) page of our website.