

IGNITE ARTS ACADEMY

2022 Term 1 Plan for Classes

Dear Academy families,

As we finish up 2021, and prepare for the Christmas holiday break, we wanted to give you our plan for heading into next year, and what things will look like for our Academy classes. Over the past weeks, we sought advice from business advisors, other professionals within the Arts sector, from Ministry of Health and government officials. We looked at our options within the current traffic light system requirements, as well as the current guidelines given for our business, which have led us to the difficult decision to implement the vaccine passport system for our academy moving into Term 1 next year. The implications of non-compliance were major factors for our decision.

For the sake of keeping our organization operational, continuing to serve our community as best we can and keeping our willing staff employed, this is currently the best way forward, and will allow all our classes to continue, without further disruption. In addition, it will provide our families, students, and staff the certainty of knowing how to plan for next year. Therefore, as the guidelines currently state, this will require all students aged over 12 years 3 months, as well as staff, any guests, parents, or visitors, to be able to show a vaccine passport in order to attend classes and/or remain in the building premises during business hours.

We have always been a business that is community focused and aimed to maintain an inclusive culture for everyone. While we continue to look for creative ways to allow **all** students to attend classes in the future, we hold fast to our belief that **everyone** should be welcome at Ignite. We are disappointed with the government's position of creating a two-tiered society as we believe that there are many avenues to keep everyone safe from Covid-19.

Please know that we have not come to this decision lightly, as we are well aware this will impact a number of our families. We welcome anyone with questions to please contact us directly and we do hope that this current situation we all find ourselves in, will only be temporary.

Kind regards,

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