



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Monday, 03 May 2021

COVID UPDATE

On Saturday 1 May 2021, Premier Mark McGowan advised that there had been three new cases of community transmission of COVID-19 in Perth. As a result, the Premier advised that all residents of the Perth metropolitan area and Peel region return to wearing masks outdoors, effective at 6pm on Sunday 2 May.

Yesterday, the Premier provided a further update advising that no new positive cases of community transmission had been recorded overnight.

The Department of Health website [HealthyWA](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/healthywa) has been updated with new exposure sites. Anyone who has been at an exposure site is required to go for COVID-19 testing and complete 14 days of self-quarantine, regardless of the result.

While there have been no further restrictions to school operations announced to date, it has been emphasised that maintaining COVID-safe practices is essential in mitigating the risk of further transmission.

I ask all in our community to be vigilant in established COVID-safe practices. This includes maintaining good hand hygiene, physical distancing where possible and observing the directions provided by the Premier and Department of Health.

Mask Wearing

- All staff members and students in Years 7 to 12 will be required to wear masks at all times while at school. This applies to classrooms, all teaching areas and libraries, staffrooms, and while outdoors – playgrounds included. It also includes travelling on

public transport to and from school. Masks should also be worn in private vehicles if there is more than one passenger over the age of 12 years from different households.

- Common sense should apply regarding the colour and markings on masks, with staff and students asked not to wear masks that may contain inappropriate markings or designs.
- Students may be exempt from wearing a mask at school under the following circumstances:
- The student has a physical, developmental or mental illness, injury, condition or disability which makes wearing a face covering unsuitable.
- When communicating with another person who is deaf or hard of hearing, where visibility of the mouth is essential for communication.
- When engaged in strenuous or vigorous exercise.
- When consuming food, drink or medicine, provided that they are seated at the time.

Parents, caregivers and visitors on school premises

- Parents, caregivers and visitors to schools must wear a mask and adhere to COVID-safe guidelines while they are on a school site.
- Let us continue to pray for the many less fortunate communities around the world. May they find strength in dealing with the adversities they are facing, and that the support for their communities will be a source of hope and courage.

Kind regards



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