



Learning Excellence Care Equity

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Creating Bright Futures

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Dear Parents and Carers,

From **12.01am on Tuesday, 29 June 2021** all persons who live in the Perth metropolitan area and Peel region entered a **minimum four-day lockdown** to limit any potential spread of COVID-19.

Schools will be open for all students, with the exception of Connolly Primary School, Burbridge School and Koondoola Primary School. These schools have been identified as exposure sites by the Department of Health and remain closed while testing of close and casual contacts is completed.

Masks are required to be worn by all staff and secondary school students at all times, unless

- the person has a physical, developmental or mental illness, injury, condition or disability which makes wearing a face covering unsuitable;
- communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication;
- the person is engaged in swimming as a form of physical exercise;
- the person is participating in physical education classes and organised sport; or
- the person is consuming food, drink or medicine provided that they are seated at the time.

Teaching staff are permitted to remove their mask while teaching to help with clear communication and instruction.

Primary school students are not required to wear masks while attending school.

Schools should reinforce COVID-safe behaviours, including:

- mask wearing where required;
- individuals should stay home when unwell;
- promote and practise good personal hygiene;
- ensure physical distance of 1.5 metres between adults, where practicable;
- venue capacity is limited to 2 square metres per adult;
- maintain regular cleaning regimes as per Phase 4 cleaning guidelines; and

Parents are allowed on school sites for pick up and drop off purposes only, however they must:

- **wear a mask as per the face covering directions;**
- **practice 1.5 metres between adults physical distancing, where practicable;**
- **adhere to the 2 square metre per adult venue capacity rule; and**
- **follow good hand and respiratory hygiene practices.**

The School Canteen can remain open.

Our school has deferred several planned events until Term 3, as per Government recommendations.

Playgrounds are open for student use during the school day. Our playgrounds are currently disinfected daily, along with high touch points around the school.

Visitors are allowed on school sites **only for essential purposes**, for example, critical maintenance, deliveries of food and essential supplies, however they must sign in and follow COVID-safe behaviours.

Third parties will not be using our school site during the four-day lockdown, except for planned and pre-booked **Out of School Care**.

I look forward to continuing to keep you informed as circumstances may change. Please stay safe, and email me back if you need any further information. Thank you.

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