



PARENT BRIEFING #11

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS – SCHOOL CONTINUATION ARRANGEMENTS



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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 Friday 31 April night.

On Sunday 2 May 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/) 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 were no further restrictions to school operations announced on Saturday 1 May, 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 school and community COVID-safe practices. This includes maintaining good hand hygiene, wearing masks, physical distancing and observing the directions provided by Premier Mark McGowan and the Department of Health

Mask Wearing

- Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 in the Perth and Peel region are not required to wear a mask, but their teachers and support staff must continue to wear masks.
- 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 in the Perth and Peel regions must wear a mask and adhere to COVID-safe guidelines while they are on a school site.

Arrangements for the week ahead

- The Parish Mass that the Year 6 students will be attending, has gone ahead today with Parish COVID-safe practices in place.
- The Year 6 Camp will continue as planned, from **Tuesday 4 May to Friday 7 May**, with campsite COVID-safe practices in place, unless there is a change to the Premier's COVID-19 restrictions. **Parents will be immediately informed of any changes to these plans.**

- The Advisory Council meeting will proceed at 5.30pm on **Tuesday 4 May** with school COVID-safe practices in place.
- The P&F meeting scheduled for **Tuesday 4 May** will be going ahead with school COVID-safe practices in place.
- Dental Screening for our PP, Yr1 & Yr4 students, scheduled for **Thursday 6 May**, will be postponed until further notice.
- The Certificate Assembly that was postponed on **Friday 30 April** and re-scheduled for this **Friday, 7 May**, will continue as planned unless there is a change in the COVID-19 restrictions by the Premier. As the Year 6 students will be on camp they will receive their certificates at the Certificate Assembly on **Fri 21 May**.
- Unfortunately, our Mother's Day Breakfast which was scheduled for **Tuesday 11 May** will be cancelled due to the uncertainty due to the current COVID-19 situation in Perth.

As I have mentioned before, school staff are aware that the uncertainties of this time can cause distress for children and their families. The wellbeing and pastoral care of students and staff in our school is my highest priority and psychology services and support are available for students who may be experiencing challenges. I encourage you to contact me if you have concerns about your child's wellbeing at school.

Let us continue to pray for the many less fortunate communities around our world, that they may find fortitude in dealing with the adversities they are facing, and that the support for their communities will be a source of hope and courage.

I also encourage you to continue monitoring the Department of Health website [HealthyWA](#) as well as the COVID-19 updates on [CEWA's website](#).

Yours sincerely



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