



5 February 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

On Thursday evening, 4 February 2021, the Premier announced the end of the lockdown for the Perth Metropolitan, Peel and Southwest regions. While the Southwest region may return to the pre-lockdown Phase 4 restrictions, the Perth Metropolitan and Peel regions have a number of new transitional restrictions of which the community must abide by until 12:01am on 14 February 2021.

The Premier outlined that as of **Monday, 8 February 2021, all Schools will commence for the 2021 academic year**. While this letter will not address all new transitional restrictions outlined by the Premier, it will highlight the restrictions of which John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School (JSRACS) must enforce; and will detail how these restrictions will be managed by the School.

The restrictions impacting JSRACS include the following:

- Wearing of masks,
- Signing in protocols (for contact tracing) and,
- Size restrictions on gatherings.

I will also confirm the drop-off and pick-up arrangements/restrictions as well as the health and hygiene expectations of all staff, students, parents and visitors while on site at either of the JSRACS campuses.

Wearing of Masks

- All staff including Teaching, Non-Teaching, Administration and Support staff must wear a mask at all times while on the School's Campuses. The only exception to this restriction is that teaching staff do not have to wear their masks while they are explicitly teaching.
- Education Assistants will have to wear their masks at all times unless they are providing instruction to individuals or small groups of students.
- All parents and visitors must wear a mask at all times while on the School's Campuses.
- All students in Years 7 – 12 must wear a mask at all times.
- Students involved in vigorous exercise will be exempt from wearing their masks, at the teacher's discretion.

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It is the personal responsibility of each staff member, secondary student, parent and visitor to supply and wear their own masks.

If any staff, parent or visitor does not have a mask, they will be provided with a single use mask; however, the School has a limited supply.

If any secondary student does not have a mask, they will be provided with a single use mask; however, once again, the School has a limited supply.

It is acknowledged that some secondary students have received medical exemptions or have a physical condition or disability that may inhibit their wearing of masks. These students will be supported at the School, as they would be in the wider community and will be provided with a JSRACS exemption card for use on the School grounds only.

Signing in Protocols

As detailed in my letter to the community on 28 January 2021, it will be required of all parents and visitors, including Peripatetic Music Teachers, to note their presence at the School by using the SafeWA App and QR Sign-in Code. As the School does not have access to this data, and in order to maintain our own safety protocols, the requirement for visitors to sign in at Administration also remains in place.

The School's QR codes will be available at every Primary classroom as well as every Administration Office across both campuses of the School.

A manual sign-in register will be available at the following sites for parents, visitors and Peripatetic Music teachers who have not downloaded the SafeWA app:

- The Beechboro Campus Administration Office.
- The Main Administration Office at the Mirrabooka Campus.
- The Primary School Administration Office at the Mirrabooka Campus.
- The Middle School Administration Office at the Mirrabooka Campus.
- The Senior School Administration Office at the Mirrabooka Campus.
- The Music Administration Office at the Mirrabooka Campus.
- The Maintenance Shed at the Mirrabooka Campus (predominantly for Contractors).

Staff will not be required to sign in as the School will maintain its own record of staff onsite through the normal staff attendance protocols.

Size Restrictions on Gatherings

There is a size restriction on gatherings to a maximum of 150 people. This will affect many of the School's planned events; however, individual information will be sent to all relevant parents highlighting the impact of these restrictions on planned events.

Primary parents will also continue to receive an invitation to attend School Assemblies if their child is receiving an award or their class is presenting the item. The QR code will be available to scan at the Assemblies, while a manual sign-in register will also be available at the Assembly.

For the important 'start up' student assemblies, the School will plan to run these through Zoom and deliver the key messages to classrooms for all students.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Protocols

The School has decided to maintain the drop-off and pick-up requirements implemented in 2020. The School will still require parents of Pre-Primary to Year 12 students to drop their children at the designated drop-off points at the commencement of each school day.

While parents are welcome to pick their Primary children up from the School grounds at the end of the day, they must do so without entering their child's classroom and while wearing their masks.

Please note that Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten parents are still able to drop their children off at their classroom; however, will need to use the SafeWA app to sign in or alternatively register at the Primary Administration Office.

The only exception to the drop-off requirements are within the first three days - Monday, 8 February to Wednesday, 10 February. All Primary parents may drop their children off at their classrooms in order to assist with the carrying of their new resources; however, will be required to use the SafeWA app to sign in or alternatively register at the Primary Administration Office. **Classrooms can only cater for a maximum of 5 parents. If there are 5 parents already in the classroom, we would ask that parents wait at the door until other parents leave.** Your child's resources should be placed on their desk and not unpacked, with parents saying a quick goodbye to their child and leaving.

The maintenance of the pick-up and drop-off requirements is a direct response to the ongoing COVID-19 threat seen around the world and evidenced here in Western Australia, with our latest lockdown. We must maintain our vigilance in all communal gatherings and in public spaces and places.

Health and Hygiene Measures

The School is maintaining the basic health and hygiene recommendations as set out by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC). We will endeavour to implement the following health and hygiene measures to the best of the School's ability:

- Hygiene measures will be encouraged and maintained with all staff and students, including increased hand washing and the provision of hand sanitisers across both campuses.
- Extra cleaners will be employed for intensive environmental cleaning of high touch surfaces including rails and doorknobs throughout the school day, as frequently as is practicable.
- Students will be reminded to wipe down their desks after each class (secondary) and throughout the day (primary).
- Staff and students involved in classes or shifts (Hospitality Trainees) that involve food preparation will be provided with a single use mask for each lesson and/or shift.
- All communal water fountains have been replaced with bottle re-fillers and the requirement for all students to provide a water bottle for the duration of the school day continues.
- Students and staff who are unwell should remain at home.

While the aforementioned list is precautionary, these actions only mitigate the risks present and are not a guarantee against the spread of COVID-19. The School is striving to ensure these measures are put into practice successfully, but can only achieve what is reasonably practicable within a school community environment.

As always, we continue to monitor the WA position in relation to COVID-19 and schooling. We are ready to adapt as the situation changes. Please be assured that we will continue to keep you updated over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



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