



26 April 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

On Monday, 26 April 2021, the Premier announced the cessation of the 3-day lockdown for the Perth Metropolitan and Peel regions, with the introduction of a number of transitional restrictions of which the community must abide by from 12:01am, Tuesday, 27 April until 12:01am, Saturday, 1 May 2021.

The Premier announced that all Schools will be open on Tuesday, 27 April 2021. While this letter will not address all 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,
- Size restrictions on gatherings and,
- Continuing signing in protocols (for contact tracing).

### Wearing of Masks

- All staff, including Teaching, Non-teaching, Administration and Support staff must wear a mask at all times while on the School Campuses. The only exception to this restriction is that teaching staff do not have to wear their masks while they are explicitly teaching.
- Teaching Staff will be encouraged to wear their masks in the classroom if they are not explicitly teaching as an added precaution; however, this will be left to the teacher's discretion.
- Education Assistants, and all Non-teaching, Administration and Support staff, 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 Campuses.
- All students in Year 7 – Year 12 must wear a mask at all times.

It is each staff, secondary student, parent and visitor's personal responsibility to supply and wear their own mask.

If a staff member, parent or visitor does not have a mask, they will be provided with a single-use mask; however, repeat offenders will not be provided multiple masks and will be asked to depart the School and return with their mask.

If any secondary student does not have a mask, they will be provided with a single-use mask.

**If, for any reason, it is not appropriate for a student to be wearing a mask due to medical reasons, exemptions will be accepted based on these issues.**

### Signing in Protocols

As detailed in my letter to the community on 28 January 2021, it will still 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 Code sign-in.

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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.

Primary parents are all invited to attend scheduled assemblies; however, the SafeWA App will be required to be used as a sign in, or alternatively a manual sign-in register will be available at the assemblies.

#### Size Restrictions on Gatherings

There is currently a transitional restriction on the size of indoor and outdoor gatherings, restricting gatherings to no more than 20 people. The School will therefore postpone all assemblies this week, including the planned Primary ANZAC Day Services. The School Musical performances will also be postponed.

Further information and ticketing details pertaining to these events will be forwarded to all parents in the coming days.

#### Health and Hygiene Measures

The School will continue to maintain 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 the School Campuses,
- 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 above 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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**PRINCIPAL**