



# St Mary MacKillop College

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Dear Parents and Guardians

As of Thursday 3 March, new Level 2 public health measures will be effective across WA, which includes mask-wearing requirements for children from Year 3 and up.

The current definition of close contacts in school settings reinforces the importance of mask-wearing, as entire Primary classes can be identified as 'close contacts' under the following definitions:

- *Face-to-face contact for 15 minutes or longer with an infectious person where a mask was not worn;*
- *Interaction for more than two hours in a classroom environment where masks have not been worn or have been removed.*

Close contacts are required to isolate for seven days, which may have huge implications for the entire family.

**As of Thursday 3 March, all staff, visitors and students in Years 3-12 will be required to wear a mask indoors and also while moving around the College grounds**, especially corridors and pathways where social distancing may be difficult. Masks may be removed while:

- Communicating in front of a class or large group
- Seated outside for recess or lunch
- Engaged in rigorous exercise.

In purchasing masks for your child, especially for younger children, please ensure that they are child sized and fit appropriately. Parents must notify the College if their child has a current medical exemption from wearing a mask. Please note that teachers are not required to provide alternative education packs in situations where a parent chooses to keep their child home.

For more information on mask-wearing for children, please see attached an information sheet from the Telethon Kid's Institute in Perth.

Thank you for your support in protecting the health and safety of our community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Jo Paini, Head of Primary](#).

Regards

Frank Norton  
Principal