

Friday 20 August 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you would be aware, earlier in the week the Premier announced that from **4pm Friday 20 August** there will be an easing of restrictions.

For schools across the 11 South East Queensland LGAs, the easing of restrictions means that we will once again welcome parents/carers, visitors and external providers back onto our school sites, and community and school sport will resume.

### The key changes include:

#### Parents/carers and visitors on school site

Parents/carers and visitors (including providers of extracurricular activities) will now be allowed back on school sites, with the requirement they adhere to the ongoing direction regarding the wearing of masks. This means masks must be worn by all adults inside school buildings (unless they can stay 1.5m apart from other people) but may be removed outdoors, as long as they can keep 1.5 metres apart from other people.

#### School activities

Interschool sport and excursions are permitted.

Assemblies and other large group activities including instrumental music groups, choirs, performances, extra curricula sporting activities, and dancing are permitted, adhering to COVID-19 health directions including wearing of masks.

If students are able to remain 1.5 metres apart from others during these activities they are able to remove their mask.

#### Wearing face masks

In the 11 LGAs masks must be worn by staff and students in high school in the 11 LGAs, unless

you can stay 1.5 metres apart from other people. This applies to both indoors and outdoors.

Based on this advice, and the difficulty of implementing a 1.5 metre rule in classrooms, it is expected that our **students will continue to wear masks in classrooms for another week**, unless health advice determines otherwise.

There are a number of [exceptions](#) to wearing face masks, including for people with particular medical conditions or disabilities. Some of these exceptions include:

- anyone who has a medical condition or disability that may be made worse by wearing a mask, including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on their face, a mental health condition or experienced trauma
- anyone who is communicating with those who are deaf or hard of hearing, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

Should your child fit into an exception category, please email the relevant Deputy Principal with the details ([staff contacts](#)). We will provide an 'Exemption Pass' for easy identification (students can collect this from the office).

Existing exemption passes will remain in force.

#### Further information

Stay up to date by regularly checking the [Queensland Government COVID-19 website](#) and visiting the Department of Education [COVID-19 information for parents and community](#).

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

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