



24 May 2022

Dear Parent/Caregiver

The Emergency Management Committee has announced changes to face mask requirements in education settings.

From Monday 30 May (week 5), face masks will be:

- Strongly recommended (but not required) for all adults - including visitors and parents - while indoors, except when teaching or interacting with children
- Strongly recommended (but not required) for students in years 3 to 12 while indoors.

Students and staff will be encouraged and supported to continue wearing a face mask if they choose to.

Supplies of surgical face masks will continue to be provided by the Department for Education to our school and preschool centre.

#### **FACE MASKS FOR CLOSE CONTACTS**

If your child is a close contact and aged 12 years or older, they must wear a face mask when they are outside of the home for 7 days following exposure as per the SA Health close contact guidelines.

Face masks are strongly recommended (but not required) for classroom contacts.

#### **FACE MASK USE IN OUTBREAKS**

The Department for Education and SA Health have advised that face masks will be required to be worn in education settings where COVID-19 transmission reaches certain thresholds, based on SA Health advice.

In these instances, face masks will be required to be worn indoors by students in years 7-12 only, and all staff and visitors in the school, preschool centre for a 14-day period.

You will be advised of the dates that face masks will be required if we reach these outbreak thresholds at our school and preschool setting.

Exemptions will be made for students or staff who have a medical condition, such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability, or a mental health condition.

Thank you to all parents and students for your cooperation and assistance in implementing the face mask measures at our school and preschool centre.

Yours sincerely

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