

## **Covid 19 Update 29 June 2021**

Dear Parents

We appreciate the support of all members of the school community and the calm response to the implementation of the 4-day lockdown for the Perth and Peel region due to end on Friday night. This special addition of the McCormack Messenger provides a summary of the information provided by the Western Australian Health Department and Catholic Education WA.

For tomorrow, Thursday and Friday normal classes will operate. We expect more students and most staff to be at school, following the return of those who have been at home awaiting their negative Covid-19 test results.

### **Student Attendance**

- Parents may choose to keep their children at home. Students should not attend school if they or their parents have visited any of the identified locations as per:  
[https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A\\_E/Coronavirus/Locations-visited-by-confirmed-cases](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/Locations-visited-by-confirmed-cases). Anyone who has visited any of the identified locations should be reminded to remain home and be tested.
- Students who are unwell should stay at home. Parents are asked to seek medical advice if their child exhibits symptoms of Covid-19. Normal processes for advising the school of a child's absence will apply unless the information is provided to a school by the Department of Health.
- If parents choose to keep their children at home, the standard process is to be followed: Contact the College before 8.30am by email [absentee@imcc.wa.edu.au](mailto:absentee@imcc.wa.edu.au) and copy (cc) the email to the Care Group Teacher, if your child will be absent for the day or late to school. An alternative is contacting the College on the Absentee Line 9562 2431. If a phone call is made a written parent note, authorising the absence, must still be provided to the Care Group Teacher.

As we are operating with regular classes there is no provision for online learning. If students need to stay at home, schoolwork may be accessed through the Seqta or Teams/One Note platforms or email requests may be sent to the class teacher.

With the Covid-19 restrictions in the Perth and Peel regions we reinforce the COVID-safe behaviours, including:

- Promote and practise good personal hygiene.
- Masks must be worn at all times, indoors and outdoors except:
  - If the person has a medical exemption which makes wearing a face covering unsuitable.
  - When teachers are teaching, interacting with, or caring for children they are permitted to remove their masks if the mask interferes with their ability to clearly communicate with students.
  - When a person is engaged in strenuous physical exercise.
  - When a person is consuming food, drink or medicine and provided the person is seated at the time.

### **Arrangements for this week**

- Parents are only permitted at the College for pick up and drop off purposes.
- The Canteen is open with the regular menu.
- The Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday.
- Excursions and all before and after school programs are cancelled this week.

- There will be no assemblies, choir or musical practices and performances.
- Workplace placement for students is postponed to Term 3.

### **Preparedness for Term 3**

As we have learnt with Covid-19, we need to be ready for any eventuality and adapt to the situation. This includes being prepared for the College to be closed at the beginning of Term 3, and the implementation of remote learning. Students need to ensure that they take their laptops and textbooks home for the holidays. Laptops should in any event be taken home daily.

For the latest health information and any health-related enquiries, please refer to the [Western Australian Department of Health website](#) or access the helpline on 1800 020 080.

If there are changes to Covid-19 directives you will be advised. The regular McCormack Messenger will be distributed on Friday. Student Semester 1 Reports will be available in Seqta on Friday.

Thank you for your support and adaptability with Covid-19 requirements, in consideration for the health of all in our community.

With best wishes

**Mr Robert Marshall**  
**Principal**