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**IMCC Newsletter Covid-19 Update**

**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

## **Arrangements for this Week**

With the lifting of the Covid-19 lockdown, the College will open tomorrow.

There will be Covid-19 requirements that will apply until at 12.01am Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. The most significant requirement for us will, again, be the mandatory wearing of masks. Please see more information at the end of newsletter.

In this Covid-19 update, we have endeavoured to provide important details for the week. Information about the Government's announcement is available on the WA Government site [www.wa.gov.au](http://www.wa.gov.au). The latest health information is available through WA Health Department <https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/>

## **Changes for Planned Events This Week**

Given the advice available from the WA Health Department and Catholic Education WA, at this stage the following changes of event arrangements have been made for this week. If there are further changes, students and families will be provided with further updates by the staff member responsible for the event organisation.

### **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**ANZAC Assembly.** Will proceed without visitors.

**Year 7 Immunisations,** arrangements to be confirmed with students.

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**CAS Sport** fixtures and the **ACC Championship Senior Girls Basketball** game vs Kingsway have been postponed.

### **Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Parent Student Teacher Interviews, will not proceed as planned.** Periods 5 and 6 classes will be as timetabled. Teachers will be asked to phone parents who confirmed interviews, by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any queries, please contact your child's Assistant Deputy Principal.

### **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**SSWA Cross Country** To be confirmed. 10 students will compete if event goes ahead.

### **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**Irene McCormack Day,** fortunately will be able to proceed for students and staff as planned.

## **Covid-19 Restrictions for 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April**

Students and staff should not attend school if unwell and should stay home and have the Covid-19 test.

## Health Practices

It is important that as a College, we continue to maintain good behaviours to prevent the spread of disease. This includes frequent handwashing, use of hand sanitiser, respiratory hygiene and physical distancing where possible.

## Visitors

Access to school by visitors is restricted, essentially limited to visits to the College Office and Uniform Shop. All visitors must wear masks.

Parents, caregivers and visitors must make an appointment in advance, wear a mask, sign in with contact details and adhere to Covid-safe guidelines while they are on the school site.

## Mask Information

All staff members and students will be required to wear a mask at all times whilst at school this week. If there is a medical reason not to wear a mask, parents of students will be directed to provide medical certificates to the respective Assistant Deputy Principal.

- The mask requirement applies to classrooms, all teaching areas and libraries, staffroom, and in playgrounds/outside. It also includes travelling on public transport to and from school.
- Whilst all staff members must wear their masks while they are at school, when teachers and support staff are teaching, interacting with or caring for children, they are permitted to remove their masks if it interferes with their ability to clearly communicate with students. Otherwise, if staff feel that they are able to be clearly understood, they may choose to wear their face masks at all times.
- Common sense should apply regarding the colour and markings on masks. Any masks which have inappropriate markings and designs will not be permitted.
- Unless a student has a valid medical exemption from wearing a mask, the clear expectation is that all staff and all students from Years 7-12 will be wearing masks.
- Students are encouraged to take responsibility for ensuring they have masks, however, the College will maintain additional supplies to provide for those who do not have them.
- Students will be required to wear masks during class and break times, including playing on the oval, or handball in the Undercroft. Students may take off their mask when eating, providing they are seated, and when participating in Physical Education classes due to the vigorous exercise requirement.

Please contact the respective Assistant Deputy Principal (ADP) for your child's year group with any concerns you have regarding your child's wellbeing. Contact emails for Assistant Deputy Principals are:

Year 7 Mr Darren Ballantyne [Darren.Ballantyne@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Darren.Ballantyne@cewa.edu.au)

Year 8 Mrs Michelle Smith [Michelle.Smith@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Michelle.Smith@cewa.edu.au)

Year 9 Mr Mat Davis [Mathew.Davis@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Mathew.Davis@cewa.edu.au)

Year 10 Mrs Debbie White [Debbie.White@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Debbie.White@cewa.edu.au)

Year 11 Mr Matt Byrne [Matthew.Byrne@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Matthew.Byrne@cewa.edu.au)

Year 12 Mrs Gill Pearce [Gillian.Pearce@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Gillian.Pearce@cewa.edu.au)

Also if your child is in need of support you are welcome to contact the College Psychologist, Mrs Angela Byrne by email [angela.byrne@cewa.edu.au](mailto:angela.byrne@cewa.edu.au)

You are also most welcome to contact me by email [Robert.Marshall@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Robert.Marshall@cewa.edu.au)

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