



**MAZENOD
COLLEGE**

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I write to provide some further information to the new Baseline restrictions for school operations:

COVID 19 Positive

Please continue to inform the college if your son tests positive via the COVID-19 Self-Reporting Portal on the college website, email principal1@mazenod.wa.edu.au and keep them home until well and free of symptoms. Parents/caregivers are also reminded to ensure they report their child's positive RAT to WA Health.

Asymptomatic close contacts are not required to isolate but do have to follow testing and mask wearing requirements. Updated close contact information is available on the Healthy WA website [HERE](#).

Masks

The mask mandate no longer applies in schools. However, students, visitors, parents and staff are encouraged to wear a mask should they wish, particularly where physical distancing is not possible.

Masks are required for those aged 12 and over (including Year 7s) in the following settings:

- hospitals, aged care and disability care facilities
- airports
- public transport, school buses and shared transport – including those services utilised during the course of school activities. This also includes vehicles provided by the College

We would therefore require staff and students to have a mask with them at all times.

Asymptomatic close contacts are required to wear a mask outside of the home at all times.

School Activities

School activities during school hours, offsite and onsite, will promote and practise good hygiene principles.

The following activities can now take place without restriction:

- Music, choir rehearsals and performances
- Whole school and year level assemblies
- Sporting programs
- Inter-school activities
- Mixed year group activities and assemblies

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The College will continue to consider the COVID-19 Safety Plan of third-party providers, to ensure continued risk mitigation.

Camps

School camps are permitted from Term 2, however a range of mitigation, risk assessment and safety measures will be implemented.

Health and Hygiene

Arrangements to reduce direct contact, enhance personal hygiene practices, and implement required cleaning regimes at the College will continue. The College's cleaning guidelines are based on, and continuously reviewed in line with, advice from WA Health.

We continue to encourage everyone within our community to protect themselves and others through following good hygiene principles and practices including:

- Staying home when sick or symptomatic
- Maintaining physical distancing where possible
- Avoiding unnecessary physical contact and physical greetings (e.g. handshakes, hugs)
- Covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, using a flexed elbow or tissue
- Washing hands regularly for 20 seconds with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitiser, including prior to meals

Parents and Caregivers

Parents and caregivers are permitted on school sites and in order to:

- Support school services
- Attend special infrequent school events.
- Drop off/pick up
- Volunteer for support activities
- Attend parent teacher meetings

Can I once again thank you for your support throughout a very challenging COVID-19 impacted Term 1. In shifting to the new baseline settings, we look forward to providing the opportunities planned throughout the school calendar.

Kind regards



Andrew Watson
Principal