



MERREDIN COLLEGE

A Wheatbelt Independent Public School

COVID Update 6

4 March 2022

Dear parents and community members

Can I take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and the Merredin community for their ongoing support to minimise the spread of Covid-19 in the school and our community. We are very proud of the students from Year 3-12 (and those younger ones who nominate to) for their responsible management of their masks. A reminder that the school has a very small supply of spare masks and that it is the responsibility of parents to ensure their child(ren) have masks every day. We acknowledge that some children may have exemptions from the doctor for medical reasons. Please provide the proof of exemption document to the school. We are unable to approve exemptions at school level.

Our staff continue to work on ways to ensure continuity of learning for all of our students in the event of a home quarantine period. Please ensure your mobile and email contact details are up to date.

Over the coming weeks please take note that the identity of students and staff who receive positive COVID-19 test results will be confidential, as to will the close contacts. A variety of letters have been generated by the Education Department to identify persons of different categories. In the event the school has positive cases identified you will receive one of the following letters via email. Please note – urgent cases will be contacted via SMS as well as email:

- Notification of the specific date of return of a students who is *COVID-19 positive* and therefore needs to isolate. This letter is after consultation with the Incident Management Team and will go to the parent of the afflicted student only.
- Notification to students who are deemed as *close contacts* to a student who has tested positive of COVID-19. Instructions will be provided to these students regarding return and at home education support.
- Notification that there has been a positive test in your child's Year group but your child has been identified as *not being a close contact* and therefore can remain at school.

Can I please ask parents to be vigilant in monitoring their child/ren for any symptoms of Covid-19, keep them home while sick and follow testing protocols. If you do have a positive test, please inform the school so we can take the necessary actions. During school hours please contact the school on 9041 7520 or email Merredin.College@education.wa.edu.au. After hours please contact an Executive Team member via email on:

Principal: Tracy.Pickering@education.wa.edu.au
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Subject line: *Urgent COVID positive case identified.*

Please refer to our COVID link on our website for additional resources related to COVID-19 <https://merredincollege.wa.edu.au/covid-19/> . If you have any queries, please contact us on 9041 7520.

Enjoy your long weekend.

Kind regards

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Principal

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