



MERREDIN COLLEGE

A Wheatbelt Independent Public School

1 March 2022

RE: YEAR 3 - 6 MASKS

Dear parent/carer

The Premier has announced Level 2 Public Health measures which will come into effect on Thursday 3 March 2022, details can be found at wa.gov.au. They include the requirement for adults and children in Years 3 and above to wear masks at all indoor public settings.

This means our students in Year 3 to Year 12 will now be required to wear a mask indoors at school. The usual exemptions apply, such as removing the mask to eat, drink, take medicine or do vigorous exercise. We encourage our Year 2 students in the Year 2/3 class to also wear masks. We will have some junior masks available to support families in the interim.

You may wish to speak to your child about wearing a mask, and that their friends will also be wearing them. Wearing masks in the classroom will help to reduce the spread of the virus. If your child is in Kindergarten to Year 2, you may wish to let them know that they will see other children around the school wearing a mask, just like their teacher does. Our staff will continue to explain to our students the importance of wearing a mask to support each other and help keep our community safe.

I want to assure you that the health and safety of our students and staff is our top priority and we will continue to follow the latest WA Health advice. I encourage you to stay up to date on COVID-19 safe measures at wa.gov.au.

I also take this opportunity to remind you to monitor yourself and your child for symptoms of COVID-19, and keep your child home from school and get them tested if they are unwell.

Thank you for your understanding and support to help keep our school COVID-19 safe. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school on (08) 9041 7520.

Below is a useful link for adapting adult surgical masks for children.

<https://www.facebook.com/100030131014507/videos/451994393129761/>

Yours sincerely

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