

8 April 2022

## **Covid Update**

Dear parents and carers

As you may be aware, public health and social measures have been eased for schools for Term 2, details at <a href="wa.gov.au">wa.gov.au</a>. We continue to follow the current health advice and I am writing to let you know what the changes mean for our school.

We are pleased to advise that parents/carers are allowed on school sites in Term 2 for the following purposes:

- o to attend year group assemblies
- o to attend face to face parent/teacher meetings
- o to attend indoor and outdoor sporting events, infrequent special events, performances and other interschool events with masks and physical distancing
- o to attend face to face meeting e.g. P&C and school board/council meetings
- o to volunteer in roles outside of the classroom, including the canteen and uniform shop
- drop-off/pick up outside of classrooms
- o visit their children in residential facilities, with proof of vaccination (if required).

Parents/carers attending school sites must wear masks on school grounds and adhere to physical distancing, where possible. Please note parents/carers will not be allowed inside classrooms.

A number of school activities can resume, including infrequent special events, and we will provide more detail on these in Term 2.

Please note you do not need to report COVID-19 positive cases to the school during the school holidays, however, all positive RATs must be reported to WA Health via <a href="https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister">www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister</a>. If your child is COVID positive or deemed a close or household contact at the start of Term 2 we would ask that you notify the school on the first day back.

Once again, we thank our parents/carers for their ongoing support of Merredin College in regards to the COVID regulations, attendance, school uniform and mobile phone policy this term. We wish our students and families an enjoyable holiday break and looking forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 2 on Tuesday 26 April 2022.

Kind regards

Tracy Pickering Principal

