



St Joseph's School
Port Lincoln

In all things love

COVID UPDATE #5

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students,

I am pleased to confirm that in line with the Premier's announcement, our school will be open tomorrow for all students to resume their learning in class. All Boarders are also welcome back to school and to the Boarding House.

As always, students should not attend school if they are unwell or are required to self-isolate/quarantine by SA Health. Please inform the school if this is the case. Students in directed quarantine, will be provided with learning support.

We will not be offering an alternative home-based learning program unless your child is impacted by SA Health quarantine orders.

While we are pleased to be resuming face to face teaching and learning, a range of restrictions will apply to schools from Wednesday. Please see below:

Parent Attendance at School

Government restrictions are in place at present and this will mean normal access to the school site by parents will not be possible during this time.

Access to schools is limited to staff, students and essential services. Parents are asked not to enter school grounds for normal drop off. Instead, parents are asked to say their goodbyes at the gates to our school where we will have extra staff stationed to walk students to their classrooms.

Masks

Mask wearing is a new requirement by SA Health and students in secondary schools/campuses will be required to wear masks whilst indoors, whilst congregating and when on school buses and public transport. Staff in Primary and Secondary schools will also be required to wear masks when they are not teaching or interacting with students.

Some staff and students will be exempted from wearing masks for medical or other health conditions. For the parents of students in Years 7-12, for sustainability purposes, **please provide a mask for your**

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child. If you are not able to do so the school has a supply of masks. Either cloth or surgical masks can be worn by adults and students. Students in Years 7-12 should carry a mask with them at all times.

For guidance on how to wear a face mask and disposal of face masks, please visit [SA Health's website](#).

School Sport

SAPSASA and interschool sporting events, carnivals, and trials have been postponed.

Training within the school can continue. PE and sport can continue. Masks are not necessary for these lessons. All swimming and water safety held at public pools will need to be postponed or cancelled.

Camps/Excursions/Trips

All excursions and camps will be postponed or cancelled for the time being. The only exception would be walks in the local area.

Essential Services

Essential services include professionals who support the learning and wellbeing of students and staff, and as such, allied health professionals are allowed on site.

Construction, facilities and maintenance workers will also be allowed on site. Music Tutors will be allowed on site however, masks must be worn and physical distancing rules observed.

Events/Gatherings

All large gatherings and events must be postponed.

Playgroup

Playgroup is not able to continue at this time as we are asked to limit the number of visitors to site. We look forward to this restriction lifting so stay tuned to our website and FB page for updates.

I take this opportunity to remind you that if for any reason you have experienced financial difficulties and you are concerned about fees or other schooling costs, please contact me by email and I can arrange for the school to assist in your particular situation.

As we transition back to schooling it will take time for all of us to adjust to the new requirements stipulated by the health authorities however, we are looking forward to the resumption of some routine and we are ready to welcome our students back, tomorrow morning.

Kind regards,



Catherine Gurr
Principal

Tuesday, 27 July 2021

