Emmanuel Christian Community School



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Dear Parents, Guardians and School Families

• FACE MASKS FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS YEARS 3-6.

Tomorrow (Thursday March 3rd) Level 2 Public Health measures come into effect.

What this means for schools is that students in years 3-6 are required to wear masks at school and in all public indoor settings.

Already a number of our Primary students are wearing masks. Unfortunately, this was too late to prevent them becoming 'close contacts' of COVID-19 positive cases in years 3 and 4 and having to isolate from today.

You are reminded that the Uniform shop has a limited supply of cloth, reusable child-sized masks for sale and we also have a small supply for use if needed.

It is expected that by wearing a mask your child will be better protected, less likely to be deemed a 'close contact' and avoid the 7 days of isolation.

- This link gives information about what ISOLATION means for your family. <u>https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/covid-19/isolation-and-quarantine</u>
- This link gives directions for how to fold a disposable adult mask to fit a child. https://www.facebook.com/groups/1061750431277648/permalink/1135670217219002/

• WHO IS A CLOSE CONTACT?

A household member or intimate partner of a person with COVID-19 who has had close contact with them during the infectious period; or

Someone who has had close contact with a person during their infectious period, including:

- i) At least 15 minutes face-to-face contact where a mask was not worn by either person; or
- ii) Greater than 2 hours within a small indoor space or classroom environment, where masks have been removed for this period of time by both students.

Someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact.

Please inform the school if you or your child tests positive for COVID-19. admin@eccs.wa.edu.au cdavis@eccs.wa.edu.au

PCR and RAT TESTING FOR THOSE IN ISOLATION

Day 6 a PCR OR

Day 7 a RAT(last day of quarantine).

Day 8 Return to school if negative, no symptoms and no new positive case in the household.

If the RAT returns a positive result for a student/staff member who has **not previously been identified as a close contact** then we ask parents take the child to get a PCR. *This is because of the significant implications on the school class if the RAT is a false positive.*

A positive RAT result will be sufficient to confirm the case if the person has already been identified as a close contact.

<u>EFFECT ON CLASSES AT EMMANUEL</u>

YEAR 12

• Students who tested negative, with no symptoms and no positives in the household, returned to school on Day 8, today. Welcome back, it is so good to see you!

YEARS 7,8,9,10,11

 Some students are identified as 'close contacts' from sources outside of school and are isolating for 7 days. They have various return to school dates. Students are expected to engage with remote learning if they are not ill. Students should follow their school timetable and connect with their teachers at every lesson. Students are expected

YEAR 6

- Students who test negative, have no symptoms and no positives in their household, may return to school on Day 8, Friday 4/3/22.
- Remote learning is in place during quarantine time and students are encouraged to remain connected for teaching and learning.

YEAR 5

- Students who test negative, have no symptoms and no positives in their household, may return to school on Day 8, Tuesday 8/3/22.
- Remote learning is in place during quarantine time and students are encouraged to remain connected for teaching and learning. *Teachers can be contacted: 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:15*
- Day 6 PCR is 6/3 OR Day 7 RAT (end of quarantine) is 7/3 Day 8 Return to school is 8/3

YEAR 4

- A student has tested positive and all students and one teacher are in isolation for 7 days.
- On-line learning via SEESAW and **learning packs** will be available for collection from school, one day after start of isolation, Thursday 3/3/22. *Teachers can be contacted: 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:15*
- Day 6 PCR is 7/3 OR Day 7 RAT (end of quarantine) is 8/3 Day 8 Return to school 9/3

YEAR 3

- Two students have tested positive to COVID-19 and all students are in isolation for 7 days.
- On-line learning via SEESAW will be available one day after the start of isolation, Thursday 3/3/22.
- Teachers can be contacted: 8:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:15
- Day 6 PCR is 7/3 OR Day 7 RAT (end of quarantine) is 8/3 Day 8 Return to school 9/3

PARENTS of K-2 STUDENTS are reminded to create their child's SEESAW account as soon as possible.

ALL information is current at time of writing but is subject to change.

In Christian Service,

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Carol Davis Principal

2 Thess 2:16,17 May our Lord Jesus and God our Father, comfort our hearts and establish them in every good work and word.