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Dear Parents, Guardians and School Families,

***I write to update and keep you informed of two things:***

1. COVID-19 update
2. Keeping Safe: Child Protection Program

### **1. COVID-19**

In WA Covid-19 infections are rising and new variants are leading to re-infection of those who have already had Covid-19. It is very important that we continue to keep our school community as safe as possible.

***We ask for your support, as far as you are able, in the following ways by:***

- Wearing a mask indoors when visiting the school
- Encouraging your child to wear a mask (we have plenty at school if you want your child to use one).
- Testing your child with a RAT if they have symptoms or are a household contact
- Keeping your child at home if they are unwell
- Maintaining good hand hygiene
- If your child is a close contact and does not have symptoms, they must return a daily negative RAT to leave isolation and attend school and must wear a mask if in years 7-12.

Staff have been strongly encouraged to wear a mask while at school.

**Free RATs will be available to every family during week 3. We will tell you when they arrive.**

### **2. KEEPING SAFE: CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM (KS:CPC) K-10**

This program runs throughout the year and across our school. The teachers delivering the program received training in the use of the Curriculum in July 2021. KS:CPC aligns with our school's mandated child protection requirements, the curriculum and is taught from a Biblical Christian worldview.

**Please note that this is not the Safe Schools Program nor a sex education program.**

Attached to this letter are outlines of the program in year levels.

The KS:CPC has two main themes which are presented through topics and activities of increasing complexity. The two KS:CPC Themes are:

- Theme 1: We all have the right to be safe
- Theme 2: We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

The two KS:CPC Themes are explored through four Focus Areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the students. The four KS:CPC Focus Areas are:

- Focus Area 1: The right to be safe
- Focus Area 2: Relationships
- Focus Area 3: Recognising and reporting abuse
- Focus Area 4: Protective strategies

Child protection and safety are an important part of the Early Years Learning Framework and are embedded throughout the 5 learning outcomes.

For Years P – 10 the KS:CPC fits primarily within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Australian Curriculum and is often incorporated across other learning areas.

More information can be found on the KS:CPC website: <http://tiny.cc/KSCPC-ParentCarerInfo>. ***Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about the curriculum.***

In Christian Service

***Carol Davis***