

## **Dear Parents/Caregivers**

Yesterday the Premier announced that Emergency Management Committee has determined that the general requirement for adults and secondary students to wear masks in education settings would cease from next week.

While masks remain recommended by the Chief Public Health Officer, from 30 May, staff, parents, adult visitors and secondary students are no longer required to wear masks when attending the school. Those who continue to choose to wear masks will be supported to do so.

However, families are asked to note that masks continue to be required to be worn by those aged 12 years and over

- when riding on public transport; and
- who are close contacts, for 7 days after exposure, as per the <u>SA Health close contact guidelines</u>.

Additionally, face masks will be required to be worn in education settings where COVID-19 transmission reaches certain thresholds, based on SA Health advice. In these instances, face masks will be required to be worn indoors by students in years 7-12 only, and all staff and visitors in the school for a 14-day period. If we reach an outbreak threshold at our school, you will be advised of the dates that face masks will be required. Exemptions to mask wearing will continue to be made for students or staff who have a medical condition, such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability, or a mental health condition.

Thank you for continuing to support our school as we follow the SA Health advice and in particular for your cooperation in keeping students home from school if they display even mild symptoms.

Should you have any queries in relation to this correspondence, please contact the school office or email <u>info@raph.catholic.edu.au</u>

Kind regards

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