



**MERRIWA**  
PRIMARY SCHOOLS

*An Independent Public School  
'Learning for Life'*

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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed some downtime with your families. I wanted to share with you some of the public health and social measures that have eased while we were on holidays.

The Premier announced that from 14 April, the close contact definition will now align with the National Cabinet definition. A close contact is now defined as:

- a household member or intimate partner of a person with COVID-19 who has had contact with them during their infectious period,
- someone who has had close personal interaction with a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period, where they spent greater than 4 hours of cumulative contact with them in a residential setting, (i.e. a home, accommodation facility) where masks have been removed by both people for all of this period
- someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact.

For schools, this means a child will no longer be identified as a close contact at school. Please continue to contact the school if your child becomes COVID-19 positive or becomes a close contact and is required to isolate.

Any child who becomes symptomatic should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. Please continue to refer to [healthywa.wa.gov.au](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au) for information on close contact definition, testing and isolation requirements.

The easing of restrictions has meant some of our school activities can resume this term. We will provide more information on the requirements and COVID-19 considerations for each activity as they arise on the school calendar.

We are looking forward to a vibrant and exciting Term 2.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sue Waterhouse  
Principal  
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