



MERRIWA
PRIMARY SCHOOLS

*An Independent Public School
'Learning for Life'*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to Public Health Measures from 9 September 2022

I have been advised by the Department of Education to contact you about changes to public health measures.

From Friday 9 September, public health measures will ease. The isolation period for COVID-19 positive cases and close contacts will reduce from 7 days to 5 days, provided they are free of symptoms at the time they leave isolation. Mask requirements for public and passenger transport have also changed.

People who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for a minimum of 5 days and can leave isolation if they no longer have symptoms. People who are still symptomatic must remain in isolation until symptoms clear.

Close contacts with no symptoms can continue to attend school and do not have to isolate for the 5 days if they:

- undertake a daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT)
- wear a mask outside the home (Year 7 and above).

Testing for COVID-19 for students who are symptomatic or as a close contact, remains an effective way to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our schools. If you need additional RATs, please contact us.

Please let the school know if your child tests positive for COVID-19 or is a close contact.

Masks will no longer be required to be worn on public or passenger transport. Masks are an important measure to reduce transmission and are still encouraged to be worn in crowded indoor settings when people are unable to physically distance. Students and staff can choose to wear a mask at school, at any time.

Please contact us on 6206 2340 if you have any queries about COVID-19 safe measures in our school. Thank you for your continued support of the school community in keeping our school COVID-19 safe.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Learning Journey on Wednesday 21st September, and at our assemblies on Friday 16 and 23 September.

Kind regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse
Principal
6 September 2022