



26 April 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 2.

I hope you had a lovely Easter with your family and spent time enjoying the glorious sunshine during these holidays.

The Premier announced on 13 April 2022 that the Western Australian close contact definition will now align with the National Cabinet's definition.

This means that a close contact is now defined as:

- a family or household member of a person with COVID-19 who has had contact with them during their infectious period.
- someone who has had close interaction with a person with COVID-19 during their infectious period, where they spent more than 4 hours with them in a single day, in a residential setting, including a boarding facility, where masks have not been worn; or
- someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact.

Schools are no longer considered close contact venues. A child who attends class with a peer who later tests positive to COVID-19 will no longer be identified as a close contact.

- Any child who becomes symptomatic should stay home and be tested for COVID-19. Please continue to refer to healthywa.wa.gov.au for information on close contact definitions, testing and isolation requirements.
- **Any positive COVID-19 result should be reported on the school's COVID-19 Self-Reporting Portal** <https://cewa-collections.powerappsportals.com/COVID-19-Self-Reporting-Form/> and **positive COVID-19 RAT results must also be reported on the [WA Health RAT Register](#), as is required by the WA Government.**
- **If your child tests positive, please forward any correspondence from the WA Health portal to the PCPS admin email – admin@padcath.wa.edu.au and cc the class teacher as well and notify us of your child's return date to school which should be provided in the correspondence you receive from the portal.**
- Please also notify the school via the admin email and cc the class teacher, if your child is absent due to being a close household contact.
- **Mask wearing** is still required as per last term – all adults on the school site and children from Yr 3-6. Any changes to mask wearing will be confirmed by CEWA and then passed on to schools.
- **Social distancing** of adults on the school site continues and the use of the morning and afternoon **Kiss and Ride continues to be encouraged.**
- The easing of restrictions has meant that some school activities can resume this term with some restrictions applied. One of the main changes is that year level performance assemblies only can go ahead with parents coming to watch with social distancing and mask wearing. Please check the school calendar for when your child's performance assembly will take place this term. Merit Award assemblies will continue as per last term as we are not able to hold assemblies with mixed year levels at this point in time.



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- I will provide more information on the requirements and additional COVID-19 considerations for each activity as they arise on the school calendar.

Thank you for your understanding and support with the COVID regulations, it is very much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all during the term.

Kind regards

Margaret Williamson

Principal



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