

22 April 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I hope you had a blessed Easter with your family and are refreshed and ready for all Term 2 has in store for us.

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 College's COVID-19 Self-Reporting Portal found on our web site and positive COVID-19 RAT results must also be reported on the <u>WA Health RAT Register</u>, as is required by the WA Government. Please also continue to inform us through the <u>principal1@mazenod.wa.edu.au</u> address.

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

Boarding Students

Our Director of Boarding, Mrs Annamaria Cream will send a separate communication to our Boarding families explaining any changes to boarding arrangements.

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

Kind regards,

Andrew Watson Principal