



Dear Families and Caregivers,

Well done everyone! We have, as a community, been able to hold off the threat of COVID-19 once again. All South Australians should be very proud of how, we have collectively tackled this disruption.

The Premier has announced that schools and preschools will reopen to all students on Wednesday 28 July 2021. As a result Willunga High School will be open to all students and learning programs will resume as normal.

The transition committee has directed that

- ALL students in year 8 and above should carry a mask and wear it while indoors or where they can't socially distance outdoors. (i.e. Canteen)
- ALL students in year 8 and above are required to wear masks while on school and public buses.
- All adult visitors to the site must wear a mask.
- School staff while indoors, except when teaching or engaging with students must wear a mask.

Please make sure that your child has a mask available for their personal use every day. We will have available masks on site if needed. Please contact us urgently should your child meet the requirements for an exemption from this direction (i.e. have a disability or verified medical condition which prevents the wearing of a mask).

While we acknowledge that some families may choose to keep their children home, the Education Minister and our Chief Executive have clearly stated that schools are not expected to run a 'two track' program. For this reason we will not be offering an alternative home-based learning program for students who are not at school. Students can continue to access their learning through SEQTA but they will not have the benefit of direct instruction. We expect all students back in the classroom on Wednesday.

As the Chief Public Health Officer said, just because the hard lockdown is being lifted it does not mean that the risks associated with COVID-19 have passed. There will be a raft of restrictions and expectations that will be placed on the community and these will be interpreted for schools by our central office.

At this time we ask that parents, families and carers do not come onto the school grounds unless for a critical meeting that has been booked ahead of time. We need to minimise the number of people coming and going from our site. Wherever possible, please drop and collect your child at the gate and maintain an appropriate physical distance from students and other adults.

We will provide further updates as we receive more information from the government or new directions from our central office regarding excursions, events, sporting activities, and use of masks in or around the school.

Thank you so much for your support throughout this time as we manage the constantly changing conditions together. We look forward to having your child back at school on Wednesday, July 28 to return to 'business as usual'.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. van Ruiten".

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