



Dear Families,

We would like to express our gratitude to all of our students who have actively complied with SA Health and the Department for Education's mask mandate since the beginning of term 1 this year. This has enabled us to keep our staff and students safe and enabled our school to continue to support student learning, largely uninterrupted.

On Tuesday 24 May, the Emergency Management Committee announced changes to face mask requirements in education settings.

From Monday 30 May, face masks will be:

- strongly recommended (not mandated) for all adults - including visitors and parents - while indoors, except when teaching or interacting with children
- strongly recommended (not mandated) for students in years 3 to 12 while indoors.

Students and staff will be encouraged and supported to continue wearing a face masks if they feel this is the best option for them.

We will continue to provide surgical face masks available for staff and students should they wish to access and wear them while at school.

Face masks for close contacts

If your child is a close contact and aged 12 years or older, they must wear a face mask when they are outside of the home for 7 days following exposure as per the [SA Health close contact guidelines](#).

Face masks are strongly recommended (not mandated) for classroom contacts.

Face mask use in outbreaks

If a significant outbreak of COVID-19 occurs in our school the Department for Education and SA Health have advised that face masks again will be required to be worn when the transmission reaches certain thresholds. This will be based on SA Health advice.

In these instances, face masks will be required to be worn indoors by all secondary school students, all staff and all visitors in the school for a 14-day period.

Willunga High School will inform you through our usual communication channels of the dates that face masks will be required to be worn, if we are advised by SA Health and the Department for Education that we have reached the outbreak threshold at our school.

As has been the case throughout the year exemptions will be made for students or staff who have a medical condition, such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability, or a mental health condition.

It is still critical that families continue to inform us if their child/ren test positive to COVID-19 and for people to follow SA Health directions regarding isolation and close contacts.

Thank you once again for your support for Willunga High School through what has been a challenging time for everyone.

Kind Regards

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

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