



27 July 2021

**Dear Parents and Caregivers of Galilee Students,**

Further to my letter to you this morning, I can now confirm that schools will be fully open for normal classes commencing tomorrow (Wednesday 28 July). We will expect students to be at school ready to start at their usual start time of 8.40 or 8.45am. The normal Wednesday timetable will apply for all students.

As always, students should not attend school if they are unwell or are required to self-isolate/quarantine by SA Health. Please inform the school if this is the case. Students in directed quarantine will be provided with learning support.

We will not be offering an alternative home-based learning program unless your child is impacted by SA Health quarantine orders.

Please note that some government restrictions are in place at present and this will mean normal access to the school site by parents will not be possible during this time. I therefore ask you to utilise the school's drop off zone and do not enter the school grounds.

Mask wearing is a new requirement by SA Health and students in secondary schools/campuses will be required to wear masks whilst indoors, whilst congregating and when on school buses and public transport. **Students in Reception to Year 6 at Galilee will not be required to wear masks at school.** Staff in primary and secondary schools will be required to wear masks when they are not teaching or interacting with students.

Please be aware of the following more specific information in relation to the wearing of masks:

- All Galilee **Year 7** secondary students should carry a mask with them and wear it indoors and where congregating
- All adults must wear a mask whilst indoors, except when teaching or engaging with students where mask-wearing is preventing clarity of instruction. This includes in meeting rooms, the staffroom (when not eating or drinking) and ESOs in their workspaces
- Masks must be worn by all individuals on school buses (Year 7 transfers to Cardijn on Fridays)
- All adult visitors onsite must wear a mask

We ask you to please provide a mask for your child. However if you are unable to do so the school has a supply of masks where required. Either cloth or surgical masks can be worn by adults and students.

Some staff and students will be exempted from wearing masks for medical or other health conditions. The following exemptions apply to the wearing of masks:

- Students with a disability or who attend a disability setting
- Staff whilst teaching or engaging with students
- During Physical Education lessons
- All staff and students when outside
- Any staff or students 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.

For guidance on how to wear a face mask and disposal of face masks, please visit [SA Health's website](#).

Some other restrictions to be aware of:

- SAPSASA and interschool sporting events, carnivals, and trials are postponed, however trainings can occur
- All excursions and camps scheduled for this week are postponed
- All large gatherings, assemblies, performances and events are postponed
- Essential services including professionals who support the learning and wellbeing of students and staff, and as such, allied health professionals will be permitted onsite and will be subject to physical distancing and mask-wearing requirements
- External music tutors will be permitted onsite and will be subject to physical distancing and mask-wearing requirements
- Parents are only permitted onsite for essential reasons
- Playgroup is postponed until further notice

As we transition back to school it will take time for all of us to adjust to the new requirements stipulated by the health authorities.

I also take this opportunity to remind you that if for any reason you have experienced financial difficulties and you are concerned about fees or other schooling costs, please contact me by [email](#) and I can arrange for the school to assist in your particular situation.

We look forward to the resumption of some routine and we are ready to welcome back your child tomorrow morning.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PR' followed by a stylized flourish.

Dr Paul Rijken  
PRINCIPAL  
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