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Dear SCBC families and friends,

Warm greetings from our school community.

Many staff are back on campus, continuing to prepare for another very important school year. In addition to children currently using SCBC's childcare services, we are looking forward to seeing all Primary and Secondary students back together on campus. To help with COVID-19 related specific details, you will receive an update on Thursday this week that is relevant to your children,

Earlier today, the WA Government provided an update for schools. It was predominantly oriented to State Schools. In summary, the recommencement plan is attentive to high standards of **cleaning**, encouraging **ventilation**, **mask-wearing**, and **vaccinations**. WA's plan does not include school-initiated Rapid Antigen Testing. SCBC will continue to be focused on providing a safe, optimal learning environment, in all classrooms, for all students. In response to government requirements, all SCBC staff will be compliant with mandatory vaccination requirements.

Masks are required for students in Year 7 and above in Perth, Peel and the South-West, however based on advice from the Chief Health Officer, once a high caseload environment is reached, masks will become mandatory for students in Year 3 and above.

Regular visitors to school sites are required to be vaccinated. Parents do not need to be vaccinated to drop off or pick up their children at school, attend assemblies and sports carnivals, or have a parent-teacher interview.' SCBC is engaging with today's Government Directions with an on-going commitment to upholding optimal health. Within a context of optimal safety and inclusiveness, student-parent interviews may become an online service for families.

Summary

- Immunisations, improved cleaning and ventilation are receiving priority attention by the Department of Education.
- All SCBC staff will be compliant with mandatory vaccination requirements.
- Secondary students are required to wear masks. It's foreseeable an increases in Covid-19 cases will result in Year 3 students and above wearing masks.
- Parents dropping off and picking up children are not required to be vaccinated.
- This is also applicable to assemblies, sports carnivals, and any face to face meetings that may occur.
- SCBC may make adjustments to school planning, as a means to optimising student wellbeing. We will continue to keep you well informed.
- More specific school-specific, Covid-19 related detail will be provided on Thursday this week.

With encouragement and support,

Des Mitchell
Principal

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