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COVID Update #9 – Term 3, 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, the Premier has recently addressed the Press regarding the current COVID status in Queensland. Two of the key elements from this announcement as they pertain to schools are:

- Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk "strongly encourages" people to wear masks indoors
- The advice extends to children, though masks aren't compulsory in Queensland schools.

Whilst this advice is 'strongly encouraged' it is not compulsory for students, teachers and campus visitors to wear masks.

We would still like to remind all families about a few key priorities to continue to provide the safest environment for our staff and students as possible:

- **Students are not to attend the College, if they display COVID-19 symptoms.** Each morning it would be helpful for students to conduct a self-check in relation to their health. If students have any acute symptoms, they should not attend school for the health of the whole St Joseph's College community. The symptoms that would be included in the self-check would include:
 - Fever, sore throat, runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, headache, fatigue, vomiting or nausea, diarrhoea loss of smell or loss of taste.
- **Get tested if they display COVID-19 symptoms.** If they test positive (or are a close contact as defined by Queensland Health) they will be asked to remain away from school until they are well or until the expiry of the designated isolation period.
- **Notify the school if they test positive to COVID-19** via this [form](#).
- Practice active hand hygiene and maintain safe social distancing.

We thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Regards

Kort Goodman
Principal

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best future, *together.*

