

27 January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am delighted that Mercy College will be welcoming our students back to school from Monday 31 January.

2022 marks a significant milestone for Mercy College; 50 years on Whadjuk land in Koondoola. 50 years of Love in Action, educating children, young people and their families and serving in this special vocation of Catholic Education. With vision and foresight, the Sisters that established St Brigid's School in West Perth, bought and developed land in Koondoola. In 1972, Mercy College, a high school for girls was opened under the care and Principalship of Sister Paula McAdam with the primary school beginning shortly after in 1974. This year, we will welcome over 1600 students K-12 and 200 staff.

This information outlines important dates, times and procedures for the commencement of the 2022 school year.

Monday, 31 January 2022 Pre-Primary to Year 7 and Year 12 students begin

Gathering areas: Primary: Direct to classrooms at 8.30am
 Year 7: Undercover area – next to Care Centre at 8.35am
 Year 12: Canteen Amphitheatre at 8.35am

**Tuesday, 1 February 2022 Kindergarten Transition Program begins
 Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 students begin**

Gathering areas: Year 8: McAdam Rooms 6 – 8 at 8.35am
 Year 9: Outside Science Labs at 8.35am
 Year 10: Canteen Amphitheatre at 8.35am
 Year 11: Performing Arts Hall at 8.35am

The most important aspect of the current restrictions will be a requirement for all staff members and students in Years 7 to 12 to wear a mask at school.

I ask that you provide your child with a mask so that they are fully prepared for Monday. Please ensure that if the mask has any decorations or slogans that they are appropriate for a Catholic school.

Students in Pre Primary to Year 3, will come to school in their Sport Uniform. Students from Year 4 will return in full Summer Academic Uniform. Secondary students will be required to change into physical education/sport/dance/soccer uniforms as per timetabled classes.

Parents on School Grounds

Parents are welcome at Mercy College, however, consistent with Government guidelines, you will be required to wear a mask inside and observe physical distancing, where practicable.

For the first day of school, I respectfully ask that all parents on campus wear a mask whilst at Mercy College, both outside and inside the classroom.

Parents that are regular visitors or volunteers to Mercy College, on College grounds, are required to be double vaccinated as per Public Health Directions. This does not include dropping off or picking up children from the College. At this stage there is no vaccination mandate for parents on school grounds, however, consistent with government vaccination advice, we encourage parents to be vaccinated.

I can assure parents, that all Mercy College employees, external contractors and regular visitors (for the purpose of work) to the College meet mandatory vaccination requirements.

Flexischools/ Uniform shop

All students are expected to be dressed in full Summer Academic Uniform. Parents are asked to ensure that their children present for school with a hairstyle that complies with the regulations clearly stated in the Student Organiser or the College website.

Parents are encouraged to follow Mercy College Uniform Shop on Facebook.

For all uniform enquiries please contact the Uniform Shop on 9247 9260.

If your child is particularly anxious about starting school, please contact their Classroom Teacher for primary students and respective Head of Year for secondary students.

Further information from the College Leadership Team will be forthcoming.

We look forward to welcoming all students to the College and are committed to ensuring the faith and learning journey of every child is filled with the Mercy values of Justice, Compassion, Service, Education and Dignity.

Yours sincerely



Lisa Fogliani
PRINCIPAL