

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

South Australia continues to do very well in managing the COVID-19 pandemic. We are all very grateful for the cooperation and goodwill of our community here at St. Joseph's School, Kingswood in respecting all protocols, including physical distancing. The staff and the children are very much looking forward to the continued easing of restrictions in the coming weeks!

Last Friday, I received updated information from the Catholic Education Office, regarding the easing of restrictions, as follows:

(in alignment with SA Department for Education announcements made late on 15/6/20)

1. Physical distancing requirements remain in place

All adults must continue to follow the density and physical distancing guidelines outlined by SA Health:

- no more than 1 person per 4-square metres in an enclosed space
- maintain a minimum social distance of 1.5 metres.

A reminder that the AHPPC does not believe that it is appropriate or practical for students and children to maintain physical distancing requirements in classrooms or corridors.

From Monday 29 June, there will be no cap on the number of people in one room, however the above physical distancing and room density requirements must be followed by adults e.g. staff meetings.

2. Resumption of activities (from 29 June) at the discretion of the Principal

From Monday 29 June, the following listed activities can resume providing government health advice and physical distancing requirements are strictly followed:

- parents, volunteers, school support and other service providers may again enter school and preschool grounds. All external service providers and volunteers must complete the site access forms on entry.
- school assemblies
- class photos
- all intrastate camps and excursions
- all school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions (but the use of change rooms and shower facilities is not permitted)
- inter-school choirs, bands and other performing art activities
- school formals, socials and discos
- playgroups and occasional care
- larger face-to-face professional learning activities.

3. Requirements that remain in place

- It is important that students and staff stay home if they are unwell.
- Physical contact (even between students) must be limited. Non-physical greetings should be encouraged.
- School, preschool or early childhood visits to nursing homes cannot recommence.
- The general public should not access school playgrounds or play equipment.
- Parents must continue to physical distance, including at school pick up and drop off.
- Interstate and overseas travel remains on hold.

This is fantastic news for our school community, as it means we can return to something approaching normality very soon. Plans are well underway already for school sports to commence, and our Playgroup will be back up and running from term 3. Given it is so close to the end of term 2, ***our current restrictions will remain in place until the end of term.*** Following the resumption of school in term 3, we will look forward to welcoming families back to masses, assemblies, playgroup, school sports and other school events.

During the period of restrictions, it has been pleasing to notice the increased independence of our children in managing the drop off and pick up, and teachers have noted that the beginning of the day has been very calm and smooth. Parents are invited to consider the benefits of this increased independence when term 3 commences!

Kind regards,



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