



Balcatta Update

21 February 2022

From the Principal

As you may be aware, the Premier has announced further public health and social measures to come into effect on Monday 21 February, details at wa.gov.au.

For our school, it means all staff, secondary students and visitors to school must wear a mask indoors unless:

- the person has a physical, developmental or mental illness, condition or disability which makes wearing a face covering inappropriate;
- communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication;
- the person is engaged in physical activity, including physical education classes and organised sport;
- the person is consuming drink or medicine, provided they do not need to be seated; and/or;
- staff are providing teaching or instructions to students; however, staff are encouraged to wear masks even when teaching, where practicable.

Students are expected to bring a mask to school each day. I am concerned a number of students are arriving at school without a mask. **Parents – please ensure you supply your child with a mask each day.**

Masks are recommended to be used outdoors where physical distancing is not possible.

As a school community, we need to be aware of the guidelines to follow with regards to [school-based close contact in a high caseload environment](#).

We will update our website as and when advice/guidelines are notified by the Department of Health.

More details can be found on our [website](#).

School Board Nominations

We recently advertised for two parent representatives for the Balcatta SHS Board. I am pleased to announce we had more parent nominations than vacancies available.

We will soon be conducting an election to elect two school board members in the parent category. Each registered parent/guardian with students currently enrolled in our school is eligible to vote in the election. Information on the candidates will be made available on the school's [website](#). Please expect an email later this week containing a link to the online election 'survey' and your unique voting code. If you do not have an email address registered with the school, please contact our Administration office by telephone on 9345 8200, and we will provide you with the survey's online location and a unique voting code or alternatively, a paper form if necessary. The election will close on Thursday 3 March and you are encouraged to vote.

Helen Maitland
Principal