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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Biral Steiner School, our school day has a rhythm, like the rhythm families create in their own homes. Our rhythm requires a balance of time spent in both indoor and outdoor spaces. There is time spent sitting and listening to stories in both indoor and outdoor spaces, time to sit and create with their hands, time to use their heads during main lessons and time to sit in comfortable silence and simply be. As we journey through this time, we will continue to heavily focus on this balance to enable children and staff to feel the calmness that Biral land provides.



The health, well-being and safety of all children, families and staff is our highest priority. As we journey through this time, we continue to remain positive and look forward to all children returning to school on Monday 7th February, 2022. We would like to provide all families with updated information in relation to wearing masks, as we prepare for school to formally resume on 7th February, 2022. There have been changes to the wearing of mask requirements, that are more conducive to our daily routines and rhythms.

If your child is exempt from wearing a mask, please reach out and contact our school office. At present, student exemptions can be advised in the form of written parent communication (via email). Medical documentation is not required.

Wearing of Masks:

- Masks are able to be removed when outdoors or indoors if 1.5 metres distance can be maintained from others
- Masks are not required when seated and 1.5 metres distance can be maintained. Our seating arrangement in our classrooms will allow students to maintain the required distancing and to not wear a mask at their desks.
- All high school students (12 years and over) are required to wear a mask unless they are seated indoors or outdoors, or are able to maintain a 1.5 metre distance from others
- Children under 12 years and people affected by a medical condition or disability do not lawfully have to wear a face mask
- Birali staff are required to wear masks while standing or moving about indoors. Staff are able to remove their masks when seated or if able to maintain a 1.5 metre distance from others while teaching or interacting with students or children

This updated information surrounding the wearing of masks allows our school to easily plan for our school day to follow the Steiner rhythm, enabling children to connect with indoor and outdoor spaces. This information also provides a great sense of calm, as we can provide our children and staff with the ability to connect uninhibited.

For more information in relation to wearing masks, please click on the link below;

[Mandatory face masks | Health and wellbeing | Queensland Government \(www.qld.gov.au\)](https://www.qld.gov.au/health-and-wellbeing/mandatory-face-masks)

We are here to support all families during this time and encourage families to contact our school to discuss how we are ensuring that your child's health, well-being and safety remains the highest priority.

Yours truly

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