

Face Coverings - Masks

A summary

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are almost at the welcome time that students and teachers return to our school buildings and community. The circumstances and environment are very different to those that we are familiar with, and all attending will need to play their part in making and keeping the school a safe and healthy place to attend. Below is a summary of what is expected by all attending at Grennan College on their return to the school.

The need to wear **face coverings** in today's world has been well established. Grennan College will follow the guidelines as set by the Government and Department of Education & Science.

- Face masks **must be worn when 2 meters distancing cannot be achieved**. All 'ordinary' classrooms are set out to capacity to accommodate 24 students (1m spacing). Therefore, students will be required to wear a face mask in most classes (unless smaller class groups are able to be spaced out to the minimum 2m).
- When moving between rooms, **masks must be worn at all times in the corridors**. Masks can be removed temporarily if moving outside between buildings or on 'air breaks'.
- Face masks should be purchased by each student, with 3-4 (disposable) or at least 2 reusable brought to school each day. The spare masks should be kept in a zip lock bag. The 'spare' masks are available to the student if one becomes contaminated or overly moist from wearing. All disposable masks **must** be disposed of in the **Covid Waste Only** bins (in each classroom).
- All students will be instructed in the proper and safe wearing of masks.
- If any student has medical issues that means that they cannot wear a mask, the Principal must be contacted in advance.

Any student who refuses to wear a mask, refuses to follow instruction or has to be continuously corrected will be suspended immediately – in the health & safety interests of everyone in the school community.

Face visors can only be worn in exceptional circumstances and in consultation with the Principal.