



Thursday 26 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In line with Premier Mark McGowan's latest announcement regarding new learning arrangements in Western Australian government schools, parents with children in all Catholic schools in Western Australia should **keep their children at home from the close of school tomorrow (Friday 27 March)**, if at all possible. However, for St Joseph's we have pupil free days planned for Friday 27 March and Monday 30 March, which means the last day for your child on-site will be today.

This decision has been made to prioritise the health and wellbeing of the Western Australian community and is based on the best national medical advice.

All Catholic schools across the State have response plans which will now be enacted to provide for the continued delivery of education, with varying remote learning programs best suited to different school contexts.

Students attending school

Schools will remain open to ensure that remote learning takes place, as well as to supervise children of parents currently working in health or essential services. Parents who are currently involved in health or essential services who require their child to attend school to be supervised in their remote learning will need to advise their school Principal.

Parents will not be required to contact the School if their child is remaining at home from Monday 30 March.

School term changes

The Premier has further announced that **Term 1 for students will now conclude on Friday, 3 April.**

Out of school hours and holiday care

Camp Australia has advised us that today is their last day of providing before and after school care, until further notice.

This is a difficult time for all in Western Australia and it is normal that your children may be feeling anxious or worried. Catholic Education Western Australia remains focused on the care and wellbeing of all students, staff and families and as a Catholic community, I encourage you to pray for the health of all in our communities, especially those who are more vulnerable.

Yours sincerely

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