



Tuesday 21 April 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I trust you have enjoyed the Easter break with your families and wish to welcome you all to a 'different look' Term Two!

As you may be aware, Premier Mark McGowan announced Term Two arrangements for public schools in Western Australia on Friday 17 April. The following sets out St Joseph's arrangements for Term Two, which reflects the guiding principles of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA):

1. The health and safety of our students and staff remain our first priority.
2. All students will continue to be provided with a quality Catholic education.
3. Decisions regarding school education will continue to be informed by national and state-based health and education advice, and align with the National Principles for School Education.

When Term Two commences on **Wednesday 29 April**, St Joseph's will provide one mode of learning until Friday 22 May, with a review taking place on 18 May. Please note, staff will be on site Tuesday 28 April for Professional Development.

THREE-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 6 STUDENTS

- From the start of Term Two, parents and caregivers may choose to keep their children at home to engage in flexible, remote learning, either online and/or via work packs. As has been the case since our school transitioned to flexible and remote learning in Term One, this approach particularly allows parents and caregivers who are engaged in essential services or are required to maintain employment to send their children to school if they are unable to care for them at home.

- If your child is in Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 1, Year 2 or Year 3 (and is going to continue remote learning from home), please collect your child's take home pack (including scrapbook/exercise book) from the labelled tubs outside the front office, either on Thursday 23 April or Friday 24 April, from 8:30am to 3pm.

- Should parents and caregivers choose to send their children to school, these students will engage in the same mode of learning being provided to students learning from home. Schools will provide appropriate supervision **but not face-to-face teaching for students attending school in person**. Please ensure your child brings whatever he/she needs to complete their learning, i.e. iPad, take home pack. Stationery will be provided.

STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL

- Parents and caregivers need to advise the school (telephone or email) if your child will be attending school from **Wednesday 29 April**. This is necessary to ensure appropriate plans are in place to comply with the Department of Health's physical distancing advice. It also ensures the school is able to make appropriate arrangements for student supervision while ensuring teaching and learning continues.

- Medically compromised students are asked to remain at home until they receive a medical clearance to attend school. Online learning and/or work packs will be provided to these students.

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- School Buses Services (orange buses) will operate from Wednesday 29 April. TransPerth buses will operate from Monday 4 May.
- Camp Australia's before and afterschool care program will commence Wednesday 29 April.
- Parents and caregivers are not permitted on school property other than to drop off or pick up their children, at which time they must not exit their vehicle. If parents and caregivers are walking their children to and from school, they should undertake their drop off or pick up at Camp Road or George Street gates, near the petrol station. Camp Road gates will be open for all student (PK to Year 6) pick up and drop off.
- Please note, the car park at St Augustine's is too dangerous for student pick up and drop off.
- Staff will be at both locations (Camp Road and George Street) to direct students to their classrooms. The front gates will be open for students who need to arrive late or leave during the day. Students will need to be able to enter/exit independently. If this is not the case, please phone the front office (9530 5500) and a staff member will assist.
- Assemblies, excursions, interschool activities and school-based co-curricular activities will not recommence until advice is received from the Department of Health that it is safe to do so.
- Canteen will be available from Week 2. However, we will no longer be able to accept any biscuits/cakes/slices made by families for morning tea.
- The school will continue to ensure that environmental cleaning practices are in place, with enhanced routines where necessary.
- Students will be required to continue with the hygiene practices put in place in Term One and will need to follow the physical distancing measures that are needed to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

I wish to reiterate that during this period, our staff will continue to ensure we best support our students' learning from home, as well as those students who may be at school. We acknowledge that it will be important to maintain regular contact between the school and parents and caregivers.

At this difficult time, I wish to reassure every parent and caregiver that the ongoing enrolment of every child in our school is guaranteed.

I will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available. As always, if you have any queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Joy Ketteringham

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