



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had a blessed Easter and a relaxing holiday to date.

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 John's School 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 John's School will provide one mode of learning until Friday 22 May, with a review taking place on Monday 18 May.

KINDERGARTEN – YEAR SIX STUDENTS

- From the start of Term Two, parents and carers **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 carers 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.
- Should parents and carers 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.

STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL

- Parents and carers need to advise the school 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. All parents and carers are asked to complete the online form via this link <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ly-FxTM2KU-zhIHau-Nel9KLqZBzUUNNmJbamembawhURFpHQVplSktERExVVVBGRIBCnzYzMjEyOC4u>
- 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.
- Parents and carers 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 carers are walking their children to and from school, they should undertake their drop off or pick up at the entrance gates. Further details in regards to pick up and drop off will be conveyed later this week.
- 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.
- At this stage, the St John's School Canteen will only operate on Wednesdays. This arrangement is subject to change and parents and carers will be notified as soon as possible.
- 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 carers.

At this difficult time, I wish to reassure every parent and carer that the ongoing enrolment of every child in our school is guaranteed. I encourage parents seeking financial support arrangements to discuss one of the following options, which are immediately available to all families with children in Catholic schools:

- The Centrelink Health Care Card Discount Scheme provides an automatic fee concession to the holders of eligible means-tested family concession cards. **This discount applies to all year levels from Kindergarten to Year 12.** Additional financial considerations are also available depending on each family's circumstance.
- For parents and carers who do not qualify for the Health Care Card discount, but who are experiencing financial difficulties, arrangements can be made to provide immediate support to assist you with tuition costs.

I will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marquis".

Mrs Melissa Marquis
Principal