



## RETURN TO SCHOOL AS NORMAL FROM MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As restrictions have continued to be lifted and the majority of our students have now returned to classroom learning, it has been heartening to see the excitement of students and teachers alike as our school buzzes with life.

While it has been challenging for all in our community to adapt to the ongoing changes, there is an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the leadership and shared community responsibility that has meant that children can return to school, that parents can return to work and that we can all begin to enjoy time together again.

Since the start of Term Two, we have been actively planning for all students to return to classroom learning as soon as recommended by Government and health authorities. As the health and safety of all our students and staff is our highest priority, we have now introduced a range of sustainable cleaning, hygiene and safety measures and have made some changes to our school practices that are designed to minimise risks of COVID-19 transmission in our school environment now and into the future.

**On 11 May, following a comprehensive School Readiness Review of all Catholic schools in Western Australia, Catholic Education Western Australia has determined that Catholic schools across the State will return to classroom teaching and learning for all students from Monday, 18 May.**

This recommendation aligns with the latest advice from both State and Commonwealth Governments and has been made with the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and our whole community as the first priority.

### Attendance and Absentees

Students may continue to learn from home if they, or a member of their immediate family, are immune-compromised or are otherwise considered at-risk medically. Parents who plan to keep their children home to continue learning remotely are asked to please contact the school. These students will continue to be supported by school staff, however from 18 May, these students may not be engaged in the same learning program delivered in classrooms.

### Student Support

If your child is worried about attending school due to COVID-19, please remember you can find resources prepared by CEWA's Psychology Team here <https://covid19.cewa.edu.au/wellbeing/>. These may assist in supporting your child at this time, and we would encourage you to speak to your child's teacher if you have concerns about how they are coping with being back at school or would like to know more about support available.

### School Facilities

The school canteen will continue to provide a limited menu each Tuesday and Friday. The process for dropping off lunch orders into the baskets outside the Administration Office will continue. Volunteer helpers are not permitted.

The Uniform Shop will operate with the pre-ordering system. Parents requiring items are asked to order using the order form available on the website. Purchased items will be invoiced.

### School Activities

Assemblies, interschool activities and school based extra-curricular activities will not recommence until further advice is received from the Department of Health.

### School Visitors

Visitors to the school continue to be limited. Parents should continue to drop and collect their children at the gate or car park each day. Parents should ring the bell at the gate should they require assistance during the school day.

### Health and Hygiene

The health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff is our highest priority. Additional clearing measures are already in place. **Students who are unwell are to remain home until they are completely healthy enough to return to school.** We continue to ensure that regular and thorough handwashing arrangements are in place for students and staff.

I am certain you share our staff's joy and gratitude that our students are able to return to school to resume classroom learning together. As members of our school community, we ask that you join us in continuing to pray for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic at home and abroad.

Yours sincerely

Therese Hussey

Principal

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