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Arrangements for Commencement of Term 2

As we consider the arrangements for the commencement of Term 2, I acknowledge the remarkable effort of all staff, students and families with making arrangements to support the community effort and restrictions to minimise the spread of Covid-19. The willingness and determination of all to transition to a flexible and remote model of learning in a few short weeks has been exceptional, placing the College and the students in a strong position as we consider the arrangements for Term 2.

On Friday 17th April, the WA Premier Mark McGowan and WA Minister for Education, Sue Ellery, announced a “soft” Term 2 opening for public schools, focused on “transitioning students back into classrooms in a responsible manner, to receive the best education, without risking the health of students, staff or parents”.

Catholic Education WA continues to work with the Department of Education and other non-government schools to provide certainty and clarity for WA families and school staff. There is agreement that the first priority for all schools is the health and safety of students and staff.

In determining these Term 2 arrangements for Catholic schools in Western Australia, CEWA’s guiding principles are as follows:

1. The health and safety of our students and staff remains our first priority.
2. Schools must continue to provide equitable access to education for all students, with full consideration given to the safety and health of students and staff.
3. All students must continue to be supported by their school to engage in learning and schools must continue to focus on delivering a quality Catholic education.
4. Decisions regarding school education must continue to be informed by national and state-based health and education advice, and align with the National Principles for School Education.
5. A staged return of students to school will allow for the situation to be closely monitored and responded to, with a review of arrangements on 18th May 2020.

Tuesday 28th April will be a staff Professional Development day.

Arrangements for Years 11 and 12 students

Year 11 and 12 students commence on Wednesday 29th April. Year 11 and 12 students are **strongly encouraged** to attend school to resume their classes and engage in face-to-face learning with their teachers, wherever possible.

To ensure no student is disadvantaged, parents and guardians are asked to contact:

- Mrs Michelle Smith, Assistant Deputy Principal, for Year 11 students.
- Mr Andrew Donaldson, Assistant Deputy Principal, for Year 12 students.

to advise of individual circumstances that preclude Year 11 or 12 students from attending school in person. The College will ensure alternative learning arrangements are provided for these students.

Arrangements for Year 7- 10 Students

In line with CEWA’s staged approach to transitioning students back into classrooms in a responsible manner, parents and guardians with children in Years 7 to 10 **may choose to keep their children**

at home to engage in flexible, remote learning.

Parents should notify the College by email sm-8177-admin@cewa.edu.au if you intend sending your children to school from Wednesday 29th April.

This is necessary to ensure that appropriate plans are in place to comply with the Department of Health's physical distancing advice and for appropriate arrangements for supervision, while ensuring that teaching and learning continues.

To ensure equitable access to learning by all students, the College will provide only one mode of instruction for all students, being the flexible, remote learning program developed by the College for Term 2. It is expected that this will remain in place for the first four weeks of Term 2, with a review being undertaken on 18th May.

As has been the case since schools transitioned to flexible and remote learning in Term1, this approach allows parents 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 choose to send their children to school from Wednesday 29th April, these students will engage in the same online learning being provided to students learning from home. The College will provide appropriate supervision but not face-to-face teaching for Years 7-10 students attending school in person.

This approach is designed to ensure optimal and equitable teaching and learning, without risking the health of students or staff.

Other Information for the start of Term 2

Uniform

Students may wear the Winter or Summer uniform to school until Friday 15th May. The Winter uniform must be worn from Monday 18th May.

The Uniform Shop will be open

- Thursday 23 April: 8.00am – 1.00pm.
- Tuesday 28 April: 12.00noon – 4.00pm.

The Two Rocks/Yanchep Charter Bus will commence regular service on Wednesday 29th April.

There will be another edition of the McCormack Messenger on Friday 24th April with more information.

College Contacts

If you need clarification about any College matter, particularly in regard to Covid-19 issues, please contact:

- The respective Assistant Deputy Principals for any issues about your child.
- Mr Andrew Billingsley, Deputy Principal, email andrew.billingsley@cewa.edu.au for education issues.
- Mr Andrew Mawby, Business Manager, email andrew.mawby@cewa.edu.au for College facilities and school fee issues.
- You are always welcome to contact me by email, robert.marshall@cewa.edu.au with any queries.



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