

School Closure Advice - URGENT

26 March 2020

Good afternoon Parents and Caregivers

In line with Premier Mark McGowan's latest announcement this morning regarding new learning arrangements in Western Australian government schools, parents with children in all Catholic schools in Western Australia are requested to **keep their children at home from the close of school tomorrow (Friday 27 March)**.

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. An email with an attachment, providing details for next week's home learning plan, was sent this afternoon.

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 the school Principal by completing the following reply form:

[Reply Form regarding Students Attending school Week 9 and 10](#)

Parents **will not be required to contact us** 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**. For those parents who work in essential services, their children can also be supervised here at school until **Thursday the 9th April**, which is the last day of term.

OSH - Out of school hours - AMENDMENT

We are currently awaiting further advice from OSHCLUB tomorrow as to whether they will be in a position to stay open next week and the week after.

This is a very difficult time for all in Western Australia and it is understandable that some 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 continue to pray for the health of all in our communities, especially those who are most vulnerable.

Yours sincerely
Tania Thuijs
Principal