



To : Parents and Caregivers
All Catholic Schools in WA

Topic : School closure advice

Date : 26 March 2020

Companions on the Journey

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

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.

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 their school Principal. This should be done via email. admin@standrews.wa.edu.au

Parents will not be required to contact their school 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.

Out of school hours and holiday care

Where parents or caregivers are currently involved in health or essential services, out of school hours care currently available at Catholic schools will continue to be offered to students attending school until Thursday 9 April. Arrangements for the supervision of these children during the school holidays is still to be determined.

This is a difficult time for all in Western Australia and it is normal that your 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 pray for the health of all in our communities, especially those who are more vulnerable.

Yours sincerely

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