

## Term Two Update

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

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 Andrew's Catholic Primary 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 Andrew's Catholic Primary School will provide one mode of learning (Home Education Packs) until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, with a review taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Our staff has been remarkable and it is important that we provide support for them as they prepare for the changed schooling arrangements.

### KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 6 STUDENTS

- From the start of Term Two, parents and caregivers **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 caregivers, 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 caregivers 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.** The students attending school should bring their home education packs on their first day of attendance.

## STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL

- **Parents and caregivers need to advise the school if your child will be attending school from Wednesday 29 April.**

Please email [admin@standrews.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@standrews.wa.edu.au)

- This is necessary to ensure that 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 that remote teaching and learning continues.
- Medically compromised students are asked to remain at home until they receive a medical clearance to attend school. Online learning and/or work packs have been provided to these students.
- IF students attend school at the commencement of term 2, they should **bring with them their home education packs**. They are also able to wear either uniform, sports or school, on any day, at their parent's discretion.
- **Parents and caregivers 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 caregivers are walking their children to and from school, they should undertake their drop off or pick up at the Kiss and Ride or Administration Gates. (No's: 3 & 4.)
  - School staff will be on duty at the Kiss and Ride gate (No 3) and the Administration Gate (No 4) each morning from 8:00am and then they will escort the children to either the undercover area or directly to class. The Kiss and Ride gate will close at 8:30am sharp.
  - STUDENTS SHOULD NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 8:00AM. All gates will remain closed until then.
  - If you need to walk your child to the school gate, then please park your car at either Anthony Waring Oval or the School Hall car parks.
  - All families should use the Kiss and Ride or Administration gates when collecting their children after school. Parents should observe the rules of the Kiss and Ride and not exit their vehicles. Traffic flow and safety is essential. Staff will be on duty to assist.
  - If waiting outside of the Administration Gate (no 4) after school, to collect your child, please ensure that you remember social distancing and the safety of all around you. Please leave the area promptly once you have collected your child.
  - The oval gate will remain closed at all times, until further notice. (this includes before and after school)
- Assemblies, excursions, interschool activities and school-based co-curricular activities, school photos, Mother's Day stalls, School Disco, sporting events and all meetings, including night meetings will not recommence until advice is received from the Department of Health that it is safe to do so.
- The canteen will reopen from the commencement of week 2, Term 2, for pre-orders only. (on-line ordering is the preferred method for ordering your child's lunch.) The canteen will NOT be open for recess or luncheon time extras, until further notice.
- Playgroup will not operate until further notice.

- The school will continue to ensure that environmental cleaning practices are in place, with enhanced routines where necessary. This extra cleaning regimen commenced last term.
- 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 caregivers.

At this difficult time, I wish to reassure every parent and caregiver 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 caregivers 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.

Despite the obvious challenges, I will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available. I will continue to pray for our school community and our society as a whole.

Yours sincerely

Sam Fontaine  
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ST ANDREW'S  
Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents,

**"Please note that the information set out below was previously sent home to parents in Term One. It briefly sets out the structure of communication for those students participating in remote learning at home."**

In brief,

- Each morning between 8:30 and 9:30am you will be asked by your child's teacher, via Dojo or See-Saw, if your child is set up and ready for remote learning. You will be asked to reply 'yes' if they are. At this time, the roll will be taken and if we do not receive a reply, then your child will be marked as absent. (A SEQTA message will be sent to all parents about this absence – which normally happens.)
- All children, via their parent's communication platform, will be receiving a visual teacher message twice a week until we return to school. These messages are designed to focus your child on the week's learning ahead, as well as ensuring that the work is being completed. On the other days, a simple written teacher message will be provided.
- Each week, we ask you to assist your child to upload, photograph or scan selected pieces of work, back to the teachers for evaluation. Your child will be told what work is being collected via the teacher message on Dojo or See-Saw. The work should be completed to the BEST of their ability and effort, as it will be assessed.
- Parents are requested to keep communication with the staff between normal school hours. (8:30am – 2:45pm)
- Specialist teachers within the school are also prepared to contact the children as well at selected times during the term.
- Should your child be struggling in completion of their home education work package, then please contact the classroom teacher, via the communication platform, and they can get back to you to assist. A support teacher may also be used to assist your child with their home learning.
- Your child's teacher will reiterate these points in a lot more detail and clarify when they communicate with you (and your child).

Again, I thank all of those wonderful parents who have written so many positive affirmations to both myself and the staff and we will continue to support all, the best that we can, in these trying times.

Stay Safe,

Sam Fontaine  
Principal

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