



**MAZENOD
COLLEGE**



Education Continuity Plan

Return to School

COVID-19

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Education Continuity Update

At the start of Term Two, face-to-face learning resumed for Years 11 and 12 students. Remote learning has continued for Year 7-10 students for students at home and on site.

Following statements from state and federal governments, face-to-face learning will resume for all students at Mazenod from **Tuesday, May 12**.

Remote learning in the current format will no longer be offered from this date, although support will be provided for students who are unable to return due to illness or an inability to travel to boarding.

Parents of students who do not fall into a high-risk category are strongly encouraged to send their students to school to resume their learning with their teachers.

This update to the Education Continuity plans outlines the actions that Mazenod College will be taking to keep our students healthy and to resume their learning.

Our three statements have guided our decision making:

1. The health and safety of our community, students and staff, remain our first priority.
2. All students will continue to be provided with a quality Catholic education in the Oblate tradition.
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.

Staying Healthy

The decision to resume face-to-face learning at Mazenod comes with support from federal and state government advice.

It is our commitment to remain vigilant to keep our community healthy by sustaining a whole-school focus on effective hygiene and limitation of situations where illnesses can be transmitted.

This focus is not solely to prevent transmission of COVID-19, but to reduce infection from other illnesses such as colds and flu.

In addition to hygiene practices to sustain a healthy community, student will be supported in their

wellbeing through the resumption of activities that provide opportunities to engage socially with peers.

In order to sustain a vigilant approach to the health of our whole community, the College will be putting in place a range of measures for the students and for the adults in the College community.

These measures will be reviewed as guidance evolves from federal and state health authorities.

Student Health

- 1 Students will be reminded to regularly wash their hands following break times and toilet breaks
- 2 Campus areas will be cleaned regularly, including eating surfaces and PE equipment.
- 3 Break times will be staggered to reduce the congregation of large numbers of students.
- 4 Whole school and year group activities such as assemblies will not take place.
- 5 Students will wear their sports uniform all day on days when they have an HPE subject.

Adult Health

- 1 Staff will be required to sustain effective hygiene through social distancing, use of hand sanitisers.
- 2 Parents are not permitted on campus except through the College Administration building.
- 3 Staff in high-risk categories will be managed on a case-by-case basis in consultation with health professionals.
- 4 Staff wellbeing will be supported through the College as well as through the Employee Access Program

Examinations

Examinations to proceed for Years 10-12

Examinations for Years 10 to 12 will go ahead this semester, but they have been moved to **Weeks 7 and 8**.

Examinations are a vital part of the senior courses and provide critical feedback to students and families about progress in examined courses.

For students in Years 11 and 12, the weightings of exams will be adjusted so that the second semester exam has a higher weighting. This will give our students some comfort knowing that they can

move towards the second half of the year with the aim of using their second exam as a goal to boost their achievement.

SCSA has said that end of year ATAR exams will still go ahead, and we will be working to ensure that our students are highly competitive come the end of year.

Year 10 exams will proceed in Week 8 and will be followed by the subject selection program in the final two weeks of term. Year 10 exams are important to support students in their decision making for senior school pathways.

Workplace Learning

Workplace Learning will not proceed

With the exception of students who are enrolled in pre-apprenticeship programs, workplace learning will not proceed during Term Two.

It will be incredibly difficult for students to find placements in the community this term as the wider community comes to terms with the relaxing of restrictions in workplaces, especially in many industries that our students are drawn to. For that reason, we will not proceed with Workplace Learning for this term.

For some students, workplace learning is a compulsory component of their VET qualifications, and the College will support those students in undertaking those placements.

At this stage, it is our intention to proceed with Workplace Learning in second semester, depending on the situation in the community.

Students who would normally go on work placements will continue with their learning on site at Mazenod.

General and VET Students

Senior General and VET students will attend school during exam period

Students who would normally do workplace learning will be expected to attend school and continue with their learning.

Courses will proceed as normal during this time, and this will ensure that any time lost due to the disruption has been made up.

ATAR students who study General courses will not be expected to attend lessons during the exam period. General students who are enrolled in ATAR courses such as Maths Applications will attend school and will be supervised during the timetabled ATAR course lesson.

Online Support

In working towards bringing all of our students back to school, we realise that some students will not be able to return for a variety of reasons.

Students who are unable to return will be able to access learning materials for their subjects. While the primary mode of lesson delivery will be through face-to-face teaching, teachers will provide lesson materials for students to complete from home so that they can follow the learning of their peers in class.

The following groups of students will continue to be supported online:

- Vulnerable students who need to remain at home based on the advice forthcoming from the government and AHPPC.
- Students whose parents choose to keep them at home.
- Medically compromised students are asked to remain at home until they receive a medical clearance to attend school.

Online learning support will continue for those students with lesson plans and activities being on class **OneNote** notebooks. Students will be able to contact their teachers and peers through **Teams**.



OneNote is the central hub for learning activities for our students. In **OneNote**, teachers will be able to synchronise learning activities to their students' computers and see the work completed in the students' notebooks.



Teams is part of the Office 365 suite, enabling teachers to work in a live chat environment with their classes. **Teams** will be where students begin their lessons. Here, attendance will be called and students will be able to ask questions of their teachers.

Assessment and Reporting

Due to the disruption at the end of Term One, Interim Reports were unable to be completed. These reports have been completed and will be available for parents from Tuesday, 12 May.

Because of the disruption at the end of first term, parents are asked to interpret their child's report in this context.

With students returning to face-to-face learning, opportunities for feedback through formal

assessment will resume. This will be an important part of students getting back to their learning, knowing what they are learning, how they are going, and what they need to do to improve.

Assessment schedules that outline the tasks and the weightings will be reviewed in light of the disruption that we have encountered. These will be updated in due course. Please note that the tasks as listed in iGloo may undergo some alteration in the coming weeks.

Supporting Student Return

A key part of the community spirit of Mazenod has been the various co-curricular activities that are available to our students.

Despite a number of these being on hiatus for the time being, we will work to resume a number of opportunities that students can engage with in a way that is consistent with guidelines for the health and wellbeing of our students.



Running club will resume from Tuesday, May 12.



Clubs that can within guidelines will resume.



The Provence Design & Technology Centre will be open after school from Tuesday-Thursday for Senior Students to catch up.

Contacts

Below are the contact emails for members of the leadership and student support teams in the College. Should you have concerns about your son's wellbeing during the period of closure, or about their learning, please contact the relevant leader.

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1 What should my son wear to school?

- On days when your son has a practical lesson in a Health & Physical Education, he should wear his PE uniform for the whole day.
- This guidance will be reviewed following the mid-term break.
- Students should wear their winter uniform on other days.

2 What do I do if I haven't been able to get a winter uniform?

The College will be pragmatic in its approach with a focus on a smooth, safe return to the College. The College Uniform Shop will be available for transactions. Physical distancing practices will be in place for adults. Appointments only for parents after hours will be available as there will be no drop-in arrangements during the day or after school. Please contact the Uniform Shop to make an appointment or seek assistance.

3 What if I am keeping my son at home?

Should your decision be to not return your son to class on Tuesday 12 May, you should contact the College on 9291-1500 or email bishop.janine@mazenod.wa.edu.au. Our Dean of Students, Michael Anderson, will organise a follow-up communication with you.

4 What if my son gets a cold or flu?

Parents should continue to keep their sons at home should they be ill or display signs of cold or flu, taking the appropriate action as guided by medical authorities. Parents will be contacted should their sons display symptoms of cold or flu at school and the request will be made to collect them.