



Dear Boarding Families

Further to the general letter I have sent to families, I am writing to especially welcome you back to the start of term. Thank you for your support and patience with the hurried communications and actions last Sunday. I know the effects of the shutdown caused a great inconvenience to so many of you.

We can begin taking our Boarding students into Cebula Boarding from mid-afternoon on Sunday, February 7. As all classes commence on Monday there will not be the staggered start to the term. Some families may be attending the laptop handover session on Sunday afternoon. Mr Bruce Derby will be in contact with families who have not had the opportunity for this session, with the aim of assisting boarding parents. We understand that the short notice may mean some families can not arrange for their sons to return to Boarding in time for Monday morning. Mr Tom Floyd and his staff will work with families to accommodate returns.

Upon return, the students will be reminded of the hygiene and health protocols and we will undertake the levels of cleaning required throughout the Boarding House.

The general letter to parents highlights the mask wearing regulations for the students and staff upon return. Boarding students will not be required to wear a mask when they are in the Boarding House but will be required to wear the mask when moving to and from school, as well as during lessons. Masks will need to be worn during any activity away from the school. We hope this arrangement will only be in place until 14 February. Mr Floyd and Mr Keogh will communicate further regarding the general aspects of Boarding, including any adjustments to the calendar events.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to run our usual welcome events but the Boarding Team will work with the Boarding Parent Network Group (BPNG) to arrange events further into the year.

We will be sending letters to families in support of any G2G pass applications. Please check your emails. An important piece of information that I have received relates to Boarding parents who are bringing their sons to Boarding. It states:

MASK WEARING WHEN TRAVELLING BETWEEN REGIONS

With regard to staff members and students in Years 7 - 12 moving between non-lockdown areas (South West, Geraldton and Broome regions) and the Perth/Peel lock-down region:

- People entering Perth/Peel from other regions (eg. for work and educational purposes, medical appointments, to drop students at boarding houses) must comply with the facemask directive when they enter the Perth/Peel region. This includes when entering the Boarding facility.

"Come, learn what you are in the eyes of God."

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- When these people transit back to their non-lockdown region, they must continue to wear a mask for the duration of the restrictions (i.e. until 12.01am on Sunday 14 February) when they leave their homes for any reason.

BOARDING STUDENTS AND STAFF

- With regard to boarding students and staff, the residential facility is deemed their home.
- Boarders in Years 7 - 12 must wear a mask while at school as with every other student.
- Once back in the boarding house (ie. their home) they may take their masks off. However, students should be encouraged to adhere to quality hygiene and physical distancing protocols. As discussed, all schools with residential facilities must have an up-to-date COVID-19 risk plan. The same requirements apply to boarding staff members.

Please feel free to contact our Boarding staff for Boarding related matters and our College staff for school related matters. Mr Tom Floyd will communicate further regarding finer details.

With every best wish for a successful 2021.



Andrew Watson
Principal

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