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Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to provide further information regarding re-opening of our boarding for Year 7 to 10. You would have received the general information regarding boarding at the start of the week.

As indicated, the State Disaster Committee in working through the National Cabinet has approved the application to re-open boarding schools. The nature of the re-opening is dependent on each facility's context. Year 11 and 12 Boarders plus their siblings and siblings of boarders in other schools will be coming back to boarding later this week and on the weekend.

## Year 7-10 Opening Arrangements

The Boarding team has continued to work on a thorough plan to transition all boys back to boarding. We are pleased to advise that Year 7 to 10 boarders can **begin** returning from Tuesday 12 May at 4pm. The arrangements for St Brigid's and Mazenod are slightly different and we will assist with families who may wish to return their sons to boarding on the following weekend. Families in the Kimberley should continue to consult with Mr Brad Gardner.

Students with underlying medical conditions are advised to remain at home. Medical guidance should be referred to in these cases. Please discuss with the Boarding team.

In our planning and staged return to boarding, we have placed the wellbeing and health of students and staff as our first concern. The plan that addresses their care and safety accompanies this letter and remains the same as the copy emailed to you earlier in the week. Please note, there are restrictions in place for the short-term to assist with the overall care of the boys and in line with the AHPPC guidelines, but we are endeavouring to create as much normality as possible. Parents and boarders will need to understand the plan and be in agreeance with the points contained in the document.

## **Cebula Boarding Guidelines**

Our re-opening plan covers the following:

- Accommodation and sleeping arrangements.
- Cleaning and hygiene measures (sanitisers, facilities clean, bathrooms, meal and recreation areas etc).
- Training for boys and staff regarding hygiene protocols.
- An identified and up-to-date Perth contact for the family should there be the need for quick and decisive action in managing any health-related issue. This contact should be able to collect your son promptly if you are unable to do so.
- Visiting arrangements and community movement. Weekend leave will be **limited to** family members only.
- Recreational program and care that caters for the boys physical and mental wellbeing.

Transport would be one of the challenges you would face as a parent currently and we understand your preference may be to keep your sons at home or in Perth accommodation. Parents who are returning their sons to boarding will be sent a letter which states the reason for crossing the intrastate borders and we will also direct you to the G2G Pass (<u>http://www.g2gpass.com.au</u>) to complete any documentation to travel. These letters are being sent to families.

Please contact Tom Floyd (<u>floyd.tom@mazenod.wa.edu.au</u>) to indicate whether your son is returning, staying in Perth accommodation or remaining with you at home. We would appreciate an indication of your proposed day and time of arrival to assist with the re-entry process. Once again please complete the Arrival Card and return prior to arrival.

## **Boarding Fees**

The re-opening of boarding would also guide the fee arrangements highlighted in the letter sent to parents on April 24 and we will be in touch with you regarding this point.

The Boarding team and all the staff at Mazenod are very much looking forward to welcoming back the boarders as they begin to return to the College. They have been greatly missed. We plan to make the return to boarding the best possible experience for the boys. Please feel free to contact the team if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Watson Principal

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Tom Floyd Head of Boarding