

Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to provide information regarding re-opening of our boarding. Firstly, thank you for the encouragement and support you have given to your sons in successfully engaging with remote learning and the patience you have shown with the current situation. I know the past weeks have not been without their challenges.

As I indicated in Friday's email message to you, 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 and we want to, as quickly as possible, facilitate a return to onsite classes and care for all boarders. This needs to be achieved within the guidelines presented by the Australian Health Principal Practice Committee (AHPPC) that address the health of our boys and staff as the number one priority. The return of boarders is a key step towards resuming face-to-face learning across the whole school.

Cebula Boarding Opening Arrangements

The Boarding Team have been working on the following transition plan which would see the Cebula Boarding Community re-open for the following year groups:

- Starting Thursday 7 May 4pm - Year 12 and sibling boarders return.
- Starting Saturday from 9am - Year 11 and sibling boarders return.
- Year 7-10 Boarders who have sisters in boarding at another school may also return at these times. Parents involved in essential worker occupations should contact boarding to discuss their arrangements.

There is flexibility with the above return times for these groups, so please call boarding to discuss.

- The return date for the remainder of the Year 7 to 10 boarders will be advised as soon as possible. If your son is in these year groups and is not covered by the above categories, please feel free to discuss the situation with the Boarding Leadership Team.

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

In our planning and staged return to boarding, we have placed the wellbeing and health of students and staff as our first concern, and the plan (Mazenod Board Re-opening: Parent Information) that addresses their care and safety, and an Arrival Card to be completed by parents, accompanies this letter. 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 agreement with the points contained in the document.

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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 (<http://www.g2gpass.com.au>) to complete any documentation to travel. These letters will be sent today and tomorrow to all boarding families to be used when necessary.

If your son is in one of the returning groups, please contact Tom Floyd (floyd.tom@mazenod.wa.edu.au) to indicate whether he is returning, staying in Perth accommodation or remaining with you at home.

Boarding Fees

The re-opening of Boarding would also guide the Boarding 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 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



Andrew Watson
Principal



Tom Floyd
Head of Boarding

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