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Dear Mazenod Parents and Families

As our staff this week finalise teaching and learning plans for Term Two – albeit under very unusual circumstances, I write to inform you that we will begin the term as scheduled and in line with other schools in Western Australia. As indicated in my letter to parents last week, Mazenod will begin Term Two on **Tuesday 28 April** with remote classes.

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback in our recent survey on the first full week of remote learning. It certainly helps us with our preparation for the upcoming term. Learning will continue to be delivered remotely and all parents and caregivers are encouraged to keep their children home. As has been the case since we transitioned to remote learning in Term One, parents and caregivers who are engaged in essential services or are required to maintain employment, may choose to send their children to school if they are unable to care for them at home. I ask that you kindly advise us if you intend to send your son to school, under the above situation, by emailing Janine Bishop ([bishop.janine@mazenod.wa.edu.au](mailto:bishop.janine@mazenod.wa.edu.au)) or phoning the College on 9291 1500.

As parents, you are playing an important hands-on role, assisting your children in engaging in learning, as well as supporting them through any anxiety or worry they may be feeling. I would like to stress that parents are by no means expected to take the place of teachers, and we will be doing our very best to support you and your child, delivering the curriculum and providing pastoral care in the most engaging way possible remotely.

As we continue to partner to support your child's ongoing learning, we acknowledge that it will be important to maintain regular contact between the school and parents and caregivers. You will receive further details of our plans in this regard. These plans have been well considered, and while **we are initially planning for remote delivery of learning for the first four weeks of Term Two, we are also considering the potential for this to be extended as required.**

We remain committed to the care and wellbeing of our College and broader community, especially those most vulnerable who must remain our first priority. One aspect of this is considering the social and financial impact of this situation on many families and I hope you have had the opportunity to read the letter co-sent by the College Board Chair and myself this week.

We are grateful for the support and appreciation that so many parents and caregivers have shared as we journey together through this challenging time. I will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available.

Celebrating Holy Week is challenging under these circumstances, but I encourage families to join in the online Easter celebrations provided by the Archdiocese, details accompany this letter, or by visiting the Oblates' website: [www.oblates.com.au](http://www.oblates.com.au).

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My best wishes to you over this holiday time and every blessing for a happy and holy Easter.  
I look forward to the time when the whole College can be together once more.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Watson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Andrew Watson**  
**Principal**

8 April 2020