

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope you have had some opportunity over the past few weeks to spend time with your children and celebrate Easter as best you can. We are looking forward to supporting all students in their academic and pastoral programs and look forward to the start of the term.

As I indicated in an email to you on Friday evening, we have been meeting in response to the Premier's announcement for Term 2 arrangements for public schools communicated on 17 April. The following sets out our College's arrangements for Term 2, which reflects the principles that have guided our work and decision-making since the onset of COVID-19 in the community:

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.

ARRANGEMENTS - TERM 2

In line with other Catholic schools, Term 2 will commence on Wednesday, 29 April. Tuesday, 28 April will be a pupil-free day to allow teachers to make final adjustments for delivering learning.

Mazenod will provide one mode of learning when term starts. We intend to review this in Week 4, between May 18 – 22, and inform you of any changes that will take place based on government requirements or changed circumstances.

The arrangements for the year groups are as follows:

YEAR 11 and 12 STUDENTS

- From Wednesday 29 April, students in Years 11 and 12 will be offered face-to-face learning with their teachers. All Year 11 and 12 students are **strongly encouraged** to attend school to resume their classes.
- Parents and caregivers of Year 11-12 students are asked to phone the College (9291 1500) or email bishop.janine@mazenod.wa.edu.au **if their son is not able to attend school** due to individual circumstances, medical or otherwise. This will assist us with planning for his learning. Please only contact us if your son is not able to attend.
- Medically compromised students are asked to remain at home until they receive a medical clearance to attend school. Online learning will be provided to these students. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact your son's Head of Year.

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- **Boarding students in Year 11 and 12:** We are awaiting further guidance from the Department of Health with regard to Year 11 and 12 boarding students and we will contact all parents and caregivers to discuss arrangements once we have further advice. As the boarding accommodation cannot be offered at this stage, boarding students who are unable to attend school will be able to access lessons and learning materials online via OneNote and will be able to engage with their teachers via Teams during lessons. We will continue to cater for your son's pastoral care, as well. Boarding students in Year 11 and 12 are welcome to attend face-to-face classes if they have made city accommodation arrangements.

➤ **YEAR 7 - 10 STUDENTS**

- From Wednesday, 29 April, parents and caregivers with children in Years 7 to 10 **may choose to keep their children at home** to engage in remote learning, as was the arrangement in Week 9 of Term 1. As has been the case since we transitioned to flexible and remote learning last term, this approach particularly allows parents and caregivers who are engaged in essential services or are required to maintain employment to send their children to school if they are unable to care for them at home.
- Should parents and caregivers choose to send their children to school, these students will engage in the same mode of learning being provided to students learning from home. We will provide appropriate supervision but not face-to-face teaching for students attending school in person.
- **Parents and caregivers are requested to advise us if your son will be attending school from Wednesday 29 April.** This is necessary to ensure appropriate plans are in place to comply with the Department of Health's physical distancing advice. It also ensures the school is able to make appropriate arrangements for student supervision while ensuring teaching and learning continues. **Please complete the survey that will be sent to you by Mr Bruce Derby (Deputy Principal, Teaching & Learning) following this communication.**
- Medically compromised students are asked to remain at home until they receive a medical clearance to attend school. Online learning will be provided to these students. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact your son's Head of Year.
- **Boarding students in Year 7-10:** We are unable to offer boarding, at present and await further information provided by the Department of Health.

➤ **CARE ON CAMPUS**

- To assist with maintaining the health of all students and staff, parents and caregivers will not be permitted on the College campus property other than to drop off or pick up their children, at which time they must not exit their vehicle. Arrangements for students arriving late or leaving early should be made by contacting the Student Reception ahead of time and our staff will be happy to assist.
- Assemblies, excursions, interschool activities and school-based co-curricular activities (performance and clubs) will not recommence until advice is received from the Department of Health that it is safe to do so. This includes training for sports, cross country and athletics.
- The Canteen will not operate as normal but parents/students will be able to use the online ordering facility for Recess and Lunch orders. No over-the-counter sales will be available and we will have a process in place for the safe collection of ordered items.

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- The communal water fountains will not be operating so students are advised to bring a full water bottle to school during these weeks.
- The College will continue to ensure that environmental cleaning practices are in place, with enhanced routines where necessary.
- Students will be required to continue with the hygiene practices put in place in Term One and will need to follow the physical distancing measures that are needed to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

➤ **UNIFORM SHOP**

Parents will not be able to visit the Uniform Shop for the time being. Further information regarding ordering and pick-up will be sent to parents shortly.

➤ **STUDENT UNIFORM**

Many parents may not have had the opportunity to purchase winter uniform items. To assist families, students will be asked to wear their sports uniform for the start of Term 2 up until Friday, May 22. Students should wear their track tops and pants over their sport uniform if they have these items.

➤ **TRANSPORT**

We have been advised that Transperth school services will not start until Week 2. The private services of Paul's Bus (Bickley and Carmel), Lesmurdie Bus Service and Buswest will be running from Wednesday, April 29. There are some non-school Transperth services that will get students to school but they are irregular, at present. Parents are advised to communicate directly with the bus companies for further information.

➤ **EDUCATION CONTINUITY PLAN**

Mr Bruce Derby (Deputy Principal, Teaching & Learning) and Mr Michael Anderson (Dean of Students) will communicate to parents regarding any changes to the plans for education and pastoral care).

I wish to reiterate that during this period, our staff will continue to ensure we best support our students' learning from home, as well as those students who may be at school. We acknowledge that it will be important to maintain regular contact between the College and parents and caregivers and this will be happening.

At this difficult time, I wish to reassure every parent and caregiver that the ongoing enrolment of every child at Mazenod is our priority. I encourage parents experiencing financial issues to make contact with Mr Eric Paini (Finance Director).

Thank you for the support over the past several weeks. I will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Watson
Principal

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