

**MAZENOD COLLEGE**

Conducted by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate

55 GLADYS ROAD, LESMURDIE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6076

ABN 53 128 213 267

TELEPHONE 9291 1500 • FACSIMILE 9291 6711 • Email: oblate@mazenod.wa.edu.au

Dear Mazenod Families,

Yesterday, we commenced Term 2 and it was heartening to see our students in attendance or see their interaction with their teachers remotely. We look forward to a gradual transition of all students back to school. Over the first two days of term we have averaged a 37% attendance across Year 7 to 12, and 90% of Year 11 and 12. The recent advice from the WA Chief Health Officer, Dr Andrew Robertson, confirms that the risk of transmission of the virus in the school setting is low. We are fully respectful of individual family decisions on whether students attend school in person or work from home and we encourage all Year 11-12 students to be on campus engaged with their face-to-face learning. It is important to remember that we are also a boarding school and we await direction for the re-opening of boarding. I hope further information will be forthcoming from the government soon and I will forward this to our boarding parents as the advice becomes available.

I would like to provide you with some information provided by Dr Debra Sayce, Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) about the planned transition of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) to full attendance at school by all of our students. The Executive Director writes that CEWA is guided by, and operates in full compliance with, the [COVID-19 National Principles for School Education](#). In making a final decision regarding the full return by students to schools, the following three considerations will need to be satisfied:

1. Our students and staff must be safe at school.
2. The education provided to all students must be high quality and equitable.
3. Teachers will provide teaching and learning opportunities to students through one mode of delivery. The mode of delivery for Year 7 to 10 remains remote and online with their trained subject teacher.

In determining the achievement of these three conditions, CEWA will now undertake a formal review of its current position on Monday 11 May. This is a week earlier than what was communicated last week. CEWA will closely monitor the Government's daily health advice, guided by the Chief Health Officer of Western Australia and informed by the [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee](#). We will notify our community immediately once the results of the review are known. At school, we will continue to plan for the physical, cleaning and hygiene requirements that will be required for a full return by all students. As with my letters to you in late March, I will regularly update you on our school's attendance rates.

We look forward to welcoming more students to school as time progresses and should your decision change to sending your son back to the campus, please inform the office by phoning 9291 1500 or emailing bishop.janine@mazenod.wa.edu.au.

...2/.

Thank you also to our parents for being so cooperative with the social distancing requirements necessary when taking their children to and from school. I ask that parents who intend to make appointments with our Uniform Shop do so formally by contacting the shop. This action supports the health of all students and staff on campus.

Yours sincerely

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

Andrew Watson
Principal

30 April 2020