



Dear Mazenod Parents and Caregivers,

This update follows the communication I sent on Sunday January 31. For your future reference, all COVID-19 communications can be accessed on the College website under the COVID-19 banner. As you would be aware, the State Government has set a lockdown period from 6pm on Sunday January 31 to Friday 5 February for the metropolitan, Peel and South West regions. Mazenod College will remain closed for this period and we envisage re-opening on Monday, 8 February for all Year 7 to 12 students. This arrangement is subject to change pending further updates from the State Government.

Return to Boarding

At this stage, Cebula Boarding will be open on Sunday, 7 February after lunch to receive returning boarders. As there may be some difficulties with transport and securing flights for boarding students, we will work with families to support return scheduling if it is a problem. Mr Tom Floyd, Head of Boarding, will communicate with boarding parents once we have further information available from the government announcement due at the end of the week.

Year 7 to 12 Academic Program

This week is an extension of the school holidays as indicated in the communications from the State Government. In line with other schools in the Department, Private sector and Catholic system, we will not be providing remote learning during this week, but our staff are involved with forward planning should there be the need to re-start our Remote Learning Plan. We do, however, recognise that our senior students will be eager to get started as quickly as possible. To support those students, our staff will provide the course outlines for senior students through their OneNote along with some activities to help them to get started for the year. These resources will not be complete lesson plans; rather, they will be some light activities to help senior students make a smooth start to their year. Senior students are strongly encouraged to engage with these activities. We understand that some families' network access may make it difficult for students to engage with these materials, so no student will be disadvantaged if he has problems with access. These materials will be available from Tuesday 3pm.

Guidelines for Senior Students.

All senior students will be emailed their course list with their teacher so that they can load their class OneNotes from the student handbook on their computer.

If any students have any issues relating to their login information, or if they are having difficulty accessing their OneNotes, please contact the ICT helpdesk for assistance. Please email helpdesk@mazenod.wa.edu.au with your contact details and a member of the team will get in touch with you during working hours.

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The course outlines and syllabus will allow students to do some preparatory work and will include some activities that they can use. Please contact Deputy Principal - Teaching & Learning, Mr Bruce Derby if you have any concerns derby.bruce@mazenod.wa.edu.au .

Student Wellbeing

I understand the COVID-19 response by the State Government and the subsequent extension of the school holidays may bring unexpected and challenging emotions for some students, others may be pleased for the extra break. I would like to direct all families to our COVID-19 section of the College website, Supporting Wellbeing. Access it directly at <https://www.mazenod.wa.edu.au/supporting-wellness>. You will find the remote learning documents we developed for caregivers and students last year, as well as direct links to many organisations that offer external support. If you have any immediate concerns about the welfare of you son, please contact Dean of Students, Mr Michael Anderson directly at anderson.michael@mazenod.wa.edu.au.

Week 2

At this stage, we are assuming that all students will be returning to school on February 8. We are, however, prepared for a range of possibilities as further directives emerge from the Premier.

COVID-19 Hotspot Perth Convention Centre

The Perth Convention Centre was highlighted as a hotspot that the active case visited on Friday 29 January. A number of our students were in attendance at the St Brigid's College Ball on that evening. Parents should visit the WA Health website for further instruction regarding action to take.

Upcoming Communication and Events

Further communications will be sent during the week to parents of various years regarding the structure of the proposed first day of term (Monday 8 February). The initial staggered start will not go ahead but information for Year 7, in particular, will be sent to you. Some calendar events will need reviewing (Opening College Assembly, Opening College Mass and Parent Nights) and we will keep you informed of these changes.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding with the current situation. We are very much looking forward to making a full start to the year as soon as we can.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Watson
Principal

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