

Dear Mazenod Parents and Caregivers

We are delighted to communicate that we will begin the Term for all Year 7 to 12 students on Monday, 8 February in line with the announcement and regulations set down by the State Government. However, some restrictions will continue to apply until at least 12:01am 14 February. These restrictions are subject to change.

I understand that this disrupted start to the school year has been frustrating for you; however, I do want to sincerely thank you for the patience and support that you have shown as we prepare for a smooth opening for students. Further letters will be sent to Year 7 and Boarding families explaining the beginning to the term

The most important aspect of the continuing restrictions will be a requirement for all staff members (teaching and non-teaching) and students in Years 7 to 12 to wear a mask at school. In the pastoral times on Monday morning, the conditions for mask wearing will be explained to students. Please provide a mask for your son but if you have difficulties with sourcing a mask, there will be a small quantity of them available to the students.

Where possible, we ask that parents drop their sons at the drive-through and pick them up from the same place at the end of the day, should boys be travelling by car. Separate information has been sent to Year 7 parents and new Year 8-11 parents regarding the first day.

Please remind your sons that mask wearing is required on all public transport and walking to and from school. Students who ride to school would tend to fall under the category of vigorous physical activity and not require a mask for that trip.

There will be changes to our calendared events and I apologise for the alterations. The Year 9 Parent Information Evening will be recorded and distributed while the Opening College Assembly will be an abridged event following our Opening College Mass this coming Wednesday. Unfortunately, the general invitation to Year 12 parents won't be possible as Phase 4 restrictions and floor space in the gymnasium precludes further attendance.

Uniform Shop

We understand that some families may have been caught short with finalising uniforms. If there is a uniform issue in the first days please don't worry, we will work with you to sort it. A note or email to the Head of Year would greatly assist us. The Uniform Shop will be open for the extra time on Monday, 8 February 7.30am to 5pm and Phase 4 requirements, hand hygiene, mask wearing and QR code/registers will apply in the shop. We encourage email and phone orders. Please email the Uniform Shop uniform.shop@mazenod.wa.edu.au and include credit details, or call 9291 1560. Payment options EFTPOS only.

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Finally, let us keep our fellow West Australians who have been impacted by the fires in our thoughts and prayers. If you are a family affected or know another Mazenod family impacted, please let me know. We will be raising funds for the fire appeal upon our return to school. The efforts of the emergency services and volunteer fire fighters have been extraordinary and we know many in the Mazenod community are part of these services. Thank you!

Should further information regarding the return to school become available through upcoming announcements, I will communicate them to our families.

With best wishes

Andrew Watson Principal

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