



## School Closure Advice

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In line with Premier Mark McGowan's latest announcement regarding new learning arrangements in Western Australian government schools, parents with children in all Catholic schools in Western Australia should **keep their children at home from the close of school today (Friday 27 March)**, if at all possible.

This decision has been made to prioritise the health and wellbeing of the Western Australian community and is based on the best national medical advice.

As communicated to you on Wednesday, we have enacted our Education Continuity Plan which begins on Monday, 30 March 2020 for the continued delivery of education.

### ➤ **Students attending school**

Mazenod will remain open to ensure that remote learning takes place, as well as to supervise children of parents currently working in health or essential services. Parents who are currently involved in health or essential services who require their child to attend school to be supervised in their remote learning, will need to advise the College by phone on 9291 1500 each day. Parents will not be required to contact the College if their child is remaining at home from Monday 30 March.

### ➤ **School term changes**

The Premier has further announced that Term 1 for students will now conclude on **Friday, 3 April**.

I know I have written this a number of times, but I thank you for the great support you are offering and the positive feedback in these challenging times. The opportunity provided today has enabled staff to be better prepared to begin online teaching this Monday.

This is a difficult time for all in Western Australia and it is normal that your children may be feeling anxious or worried. The College remains focused on the care and wellbeing of all students, staff and families and as a Catholic community, I encourage you to pray for the health of all in our communities, especially those who are more vulnerable.

Yours sincerely

**Andrew Watson**  
**Principal**

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