

Dear Parents and Mazenod Families,

Last week, I wrote to you regarding the recommencement of face-to-face learning which was planned for Tuesday, May 12. I indicated that I would keep you informed of the progress of that change. Over the last few days we have moved to 90 percent attendance on campus. Our boarding students have begun returning and we hope to see that transition continue into the weekend. This is not a straight-forward endeavour as regional restrictions and availability of transport play a part in assisting boarding families with their decisions. As restrictions have continued to be lifted, it has been heartening to see the excitement of students and teachers alike as the vitality of Mazenod has returned.

Yesterday, the Education Minister announced that school attendance for Western Australian students would be compulsory from Monday, May 18. This would apply to all students, except those who are medically vulnerable, or a member of their immediate family is immune-compromised. Parents whose circumstances fit this information are asked to please contact Dean of Students, Michael Anderson (anderson.michael@mazenod.wa.edu.au), if contact has not already been made. These students will continue to be supported by school staff, however from 18 May, they may not be engaged in the same learning program delivered in classrooms. Normal absentee processes will be in place and parents should contact Student Reception if their son will be absent due to illness. Students who are unwell should stay at home until they are well.

Student Wellbeing

If your son is worried about attending school due to COVID-19, please remember you can find resources prepared by our pastoral team on the College website or through visiting <https://covid19.cewa.edu.au/wellbeing/>. These resources may assist in supporting your son at this time, and we would encourage you to speak to your boy's Head of Year, or Michael Anderson (Dean of Students) if you have concerns about how he is coping with being back at school, or would like to know more about available support.

Accompanying this letter are the following important attachments with information related to the recommencement of face-to-face learning in schools:

- W.A Chief Health Officer - letter to parents and students
- a media statement from the Premier.

Co-curricular Program, Uniform Shop and Canteen

The College's co-curricular program will recommence over the next few weeks within the framework for safety and hygiene. Our sporting clubs are working with the College to recommence appropriate training activities as soon as all protocols have been established and satisfied.

In regard to the Uniform Shop, please be mindful this is by appointment only for parents and students are not permitted to try on items of clothing. Bookings for the Uniform Shop should be made via contacting Janine Bishop (bishop.janine@mazenod.wa.edu.au). The Canteen continues to only provide lunches through online ordering and this can be accessed through the icon and information on the website.

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Next Monday, May 18 marks the beginning of some very joyful events, Oblate Week and then the celebration of the Feast of St Eugene De Mazenod on May 21. We look to the charism of St Eugene to continue to guide our decisions and inspire us with his example of service and compassion to others. As the Mazenod community, we all continue to pray for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic at home and abroad.

Yours sincerely

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

Andrew Watson
Principal

15 May 2020