



Friday, 15 May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As Covid-19 restrictions continue to be lifted and many of our students have now returned to classroom learning, it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of both students and staff as College life returns to a more familiar pattern.

While there have been challenges adapting to the many changes over the past couple of months, we are grateful for the shared community responsibility that has meant that students can return to school, parents can return to work and that have placed us in a position where we can now begin to enjoy time together again.

I hope that you have felt supported in deciding whether to send your child to school or in choosing for them to engage in their learning from home. College staff have worked hard to ensure a quality Catholic education has been provided to all our students, irrespective of whether they were accessing their learning at school or home.

Since the start of Term Two, we have been planning for all students to return to classroom learning as soon as recommended by Government and health authorities. As the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, we have now introduced a range of sustainable cleaning, hygiene and safety measures and have made changes to our school practices that are designed to minimise risks of COVID-19 transmission in our College environment now and into the future.

On Monday, 11 May, following a comprehensive School Readiness Review of all Catholic schools in Western Australia, Catholic Education Western Australia has determined that Catholic schools across the State will return to classroom teaching and learning for all students from Monday, 18 May. As 18 May is a staff Professional Learning day at Lumen Christi College, and therefore a student free day, students will return on Tuesday, 19 May for classroom teaching.

This requirement aligns with the latest advice from both State and Commonwealth Governments and has been made with the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and our whole community as the first priority.

Students may continue to learn from home if they, or a member of their immediate family, are immune-compromised or are otherwise considered at-risk medically. Parents who plan to keep their children home to continue learning remotely are asked to please contact the College. These students will continue to be supported by College staff, however from Tuesday, 19 May, these students may not be engaged in the same learning program as that delivered in classrooms.

If your child is worried about returning to school due to COVID-19, please contact their Head of Year to discuss your concerns. The College psychologist and counsellor are also available should your child need additional support. Please also be advised that you can access resources prepared by CEWA's Psychology Team by [clicking here](#).

I imagine that you share our gratitude that the students are able to return to school to resume classroom learning together. As members of our College community, we ask that you join us in continuing to pray for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, both at home and overseas.

Yours sincerely

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