



## **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE**

Wednesday, 25 March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In line with the latest advice from Commonwealth and WA governments, the College will remain open. In line with the Prime Minister and the WA Minister for Education's advice, parents may choose to keep their children at home during this time.

The College is working with Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) to ensure we have the best possible preparedness and response strategies in place.

In response to an increasing number of student and staff absences, and to ensure adequate supervision of students, today it has been necessary for us to invoke the next stage of our Online Learning Plan. The following arrangements will be in place from today until the end of term:

- The College remains open for students to attend
- From today, Wednesday, 25 March, the College will switch to our full Online Learning Plan, which was outlined to families in my email earlier this week
- All students will work in a remote mode, whether on campus or off campus
- All students will require a fully charged laptop each day, and should bring their charger and earphones
- Students attending College should wear their sports uniform each day. They may wear their College House or Sports shirt.

### **School Services**

*Canteen:* The canteen remains open

*Buses:* Bus services (College Special and Transperth) are running as normal

*Library:* The library will be open from 8.30 am to 3:30pm each day

*Uniform Shop:* The uniform shop is closed until further notice

### **Extra - Curricular Programs**

All College extra – curricular activities and programs have been suspended until further notice.

### **Year 11 and 12 Specific Information**

Workplace Learning: All Workplace Learning placements have been suspended until further notice. Please contact Mrs Katherine Voola at [Katherine.voola@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Katherine.voola@cewa.edu.au) to discuss individual questions and concerns as well as placements going forward.

## **ALL STUDENTS**

### **Assessments**

Until further notice, only assessments that can be completed online will take place. Students will not be required to come onto campus to complete an assessment. Any assessments set will be completed online. Teachers will modify assessment schedules as required.



### **Pastoral Care**

Our Pastoral Care Team, which includes the Deputy Principal Pastoral Care, Heads of Year, College Psychologist and Counsellor, and House Coordinators continue to be available for support and can be contacted via phone or email.

We will continue to remind students about the importance of social distancing and hygiene protocols. Please re-enforce these messages at home. If your child is feeling unwell in any way, please keep them at home. Everyone in the community has a part to play in helping control the spread of COVID-19.

We will continue to follow the latest advice from CEWA and the WA Department of Health. I will keep you informed regarding changes occurring at the College, as updates become available.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It is much appreciated by all staff at the College. As a Catholic community, we pray for those coordinating our response to COVID-19, as well as for those both in Australia and around the world who have been affected by the current situation.

Yours sincerely  
Karen Prendergast  
Principal