



21 April 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that each family was able to celebrate Easter in a special way this year given the restrictions currently in place. In many cases, the rules regarding social isolation has brought families closer together to support one another through these trying times. As we commence Term Two, I wish to outline some of the changes and procedures that Infant Jesus School will adopt in line with the CEWA directives and the State Government guidelines.

As you may be aware, Premier Mark McGowan announced Term Two arrangements for public schools in Western Australia on Friday 17 April. The following sets out our arrangements for Term Two, which reflects the guiding principles of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA):

1. The health and safety of our students and staff remain our first priority.
2. All students will continue to be provided with a quality Catholic education.
3. Decisions regarding school education will continue to be informed by national and state-based health and education advice, and align with the National Principles for School Education.

Term Two will now commence on **Wednesday, 29 April**. Infant Jesus School will provide one mode of learning (remote/workpack learning) until Friday 22 May, with a review taking place on 18 May.

THREE-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN – YEAR 6 STUDENTS

- From the start of Term Two, parents and caregivers may choose to keep their children at home to engage in flexible, remote learning, either online and/or via work packs. As has been the case since our school transitioned to flexible and remote learning in Term One, this approach particularly allows parents and caregivers who are engaged in essential services or are required to maintain employment to send their children to school if they are unable to care for them at home.
- Should parents and caregivers choose to send their children to school, these students will engage in the same mode of learning being provided to students learning from home. Schools will provide appropriate supervision, but not face-to-face teaching for students attending school in person.

STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL

- Parents and caregivers need to advise the school if their child will be attending school from Wednesday 29 April. This is necessary to ensure appropriate plans are in place to comply with the Department of Health's physical distancing advice. It also ensures the school is able to make appropriate arrangements for student supervision while ensuring teaching and learning continues.
- Medically compromised students are asked to remain at home until they receive a medical clearance to attend school. Online learning and/or work packs will be provided to these students.
- Parents and caregivers are not permitted on school property other than to drop off or pick up their children, at which time they must not exit their vehicle. If parents and caregivers are walking their children to and from school, they should undertake their drop off or pick up at (location/s designated by school). An outline for all parents, designating pick-up zones for each year level will be provided to all parents through Seesaw.

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- Parents who have a child in Kindergarten and a sibling in another year level will be allowed to collect all children at the same time (e.g.2.30pm) at the designated Kindergarten pick-up area.
 - Assemblies, excursions, interschool activities and school-based co-curricular activities will not recommence until advice is received from the Department of Health that it is safe to do so.
 - The school Canteen will continue to be open to families at recess and lunch
 - The school will continue to ensure that environmental cleaning practices are in place, with enhanced routines where necessary.
 - Students will be required to continue with the hygiene practices put in place in Term One and will need to follow the physical distancing measures that are needed to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

I wish to reiterate that during this period, our staff will continue to ensure we best support our students' learning from home, as well as those students who may be at school. We acknowledge that it will be important to maintain regular contact between the school and parents and caregivers.

At this difficult time, I wish to reassure every parent and caregiver that the ongoing enrolment of every child in our school is guaranteed. I encourage parents seeking financial support arrangements to discuss one of the following options, which are immediately available to all families with children in Catholic schools:

- The Centrelink Health Care Card Discount Scheme provides an automatic fee concession to the holders of eligible means-tested family concession cards. This discount applies to all year levels from Kindergarten to Year 12. Additional financial considerations are also available depending on each family's circumstance.
- For parents and caregivers who do not qualify for the Health Care Card discount, but who are experiencing financial difficulties, arrangements can be made to provide immediate support to assist you with tuition costs.

I will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available. Please complete the 'Attendance Form' which has been attached to your child's Seesaw account. It is most important that you complete one form for each child in your family attending Infant Jesus School. This form will need to be completed by Friday 24 April.

Yours Sincerely



Mr Paul Hille
Principal