



22 April 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

TERM TWO ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS

I trust that you have enjoyed a wonderful Easter break with your families and that self-isolation and social distancing have brought you closer together! Your understanding and cooperation last term as we prepared to deliver learning and teaching remotely to students were greatly appreciated.

Despite being surprised at Premier Mark McGowan's announcement last Friday that schools would return in Term Two, it is a positive sign that the transmission of COVID-19 has slowed to such an extent that we are now in a position to begin relaxing some restrictions.

I am sure that students are eager to return to school and be with their friends once the current situation resolves itself. However, while we are all hoping for Frayne to revert to (the new) normal as quickly as possible, we need to patiently balance keeping students and staff safe while maintaining quality learning, especially for students in the upper school years.

Following advice from the Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) and discernment from Executive Leadership Team, the arrangements for Term Two at the College will be as follows.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. The health and safety of our students and staff remain our first priority.
2. Medically compromised staff and students should continue to remain at home until they receive medical clearance to attend school. If any staff or student is unwell, they should not attend school and should seek medical advice.
3. We will continue to provide equitable access to education for all students, with full consideration given to the safety and health of students and staff.
4. All students will continue to be provided with a quality Catholic education.
5. 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.
6. A staged return of students to school will allow for the situation to be closely monitored with a review of arrangements on 18 May 2020 (Week 4).

Tuesday 28 April 2020 will be a staff professional development day, i.e. a Pupil Free Day. This will allow staff to continue their preparation and upskilling in readiness for Term Two.

For the first four weeks at least, the College will have different arrangements for Kindergarten to Year 10 and Years 11 and 12.

YEARS K – 10 STUDENTS (from Wednesday 29 April 2020)

- **The College will provide only remote learning for all students from Kindergarten to Year 10.** At this stage, it is anticipated that this arrangement will remain in place for the first four weeks of Term Two, with a review on 18 May.

- From the start of Term Two, parents and caregivers with children in Years K to 10 **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 or make alternative arrangements.
- Should parents and caregivers choose to send their children in Years K to 10 to school, these **students will engage in the same mode of learning being provided to students learning from home**. The College will provide appropriate supervision but not face-to-face teaching for students attending school in person.
- 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.

Please complete a brief survey if you intend to send your Kindergarten to Year 10 student/s to school from Wednesday 29 April via the following link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ly-FxTM2KU-zhIHaU-NeI4BFelS4JGsuiWMvFpKk5URVJEMzRMMkg3UE1FMFBFVVUyQINHTFFRMS4u>

The survey will remain open until **Friday 24 April at 12.00pm**.

Further details have been, or will be provided, by the appropriate Heads of School.

YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

- From Wednesday 29 April, students in Years 11 and 12 are **strongly encouraged** to attend school to resume their classes and engage in face-to-face learning with their teachers.
- Parents and caregivers need to advise the school if your child will **not be attending school** from Wednesday 29 April. Please complete a survey if your child **will not be attending school** from Wednesday 29 April via the following link
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ly-FxTM2KU-zhIHaU-NeI4BFelS4JGsuiWMvFpKk5UQjZSNIJUQIM3WUJWTDQ4RFc2N0FSVFozVC4u>
 The survey will remain open until **Friday 24 April at 12.00pm**.

Further details have been, or will be provided, by the Head of Senior School.

STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL

- 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 to drop off or pick up their children. Further details in relation to the drop-off and pick up of students on the Balmoral campus will be communicated by the Heads of School.
- While our usual traffic management arrangements still apply, you are also advised to check availability of public transport.
- Canteen services will not be available on either campus for at least the first two weeks of the Term.

- 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 College 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.
- Parents and caregivers are encouraged to frequently remind students about the importance of personal hygiene (regular and proper hand washing) and physical/social distancing. It is important that students look after each other by interacting in ways that reflect the current norm within the broader community by maintaining appropriate personal spacing and avoiding physical contact such as shaking hands or hugging.
- Further details about uniform requirements for Terms Two and Three will be communicated by the Vice Principal.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

At this difficult time, I wish to again 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.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

I wish to reiterate that the College will continue our efforts to support our students' whether learning from home or at school. We appreciate that some students and their families may be anxious about returning to school and we will continue to offer help and encouragement. As such, we acknowledge the importance of maintaining regular contact between all members of the Frayne family and we embrace the opportunity to play our part in beating this health threat and look forward to eventually celebrating our eventual return to the 'new normal' sooner rather than later.

With regards and prayerful best wishes.

Yours faithfully



Geoff Mills