



28 January 2021

Dear Parents,

Back to School 2021 Information

On behalf of the team at Ursula Frayne Catholic College, I welcome you all to the 2021 school year. I extend a special welcome to all our new families joining our Frayne community and wish them a happy first year at our school. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year, spending time with family and friends.

Apart from the modifications to border arrangements for travellers, there has been no change to the COVID-19 Roadmap by the Premier since schools closed in December. The Western Australian Government COVID-19 Roadmap remains at Phase 4 and the CEWA Phase 4 School Operations Guidelines remains in place. Therefore, our operations at Frayne remain as they did throughout Term 4 last year. Students ONLY will be allowed on school grounds before school and parents will be allowed after 3:05pm in the afternoon to come on site to collect their children. We will still have class parent helpers and will run our Assemblies as we did last year. That is, as a sub-school, at 8:50am on the Lower Grass, adhering to the two-square metre rule.

FIRST DAY BACK – The first day of school can be both a celebratory and traumatic experience, especially if you are a parent! To help with the bringing in of school supplies and finding out where your child's classrooms are, students and their parents will be allowed on site before school for the first Monday of the year. We do ask that once you have helped your child drop off their supplies to their classroom that you give them a big hug, wish them good luck, and go enjoy catching up with other parents across the road at Fraser Park where there will be a 'coffee van' organised by our wonderful Friends of Frayne. Please DO NOT gather on the campus to renew contact with friends, as we are still bound by the Government's Phase 4 Guidelines.

COVID-19 – 'SAFE HANDS, SAFE SCHOOLS' CAMPAIGN - While we are grateful that WA has largely avoided the disruption and devastating effects of COVID-19 that other States and countries have suffered, the start of the 2021 school year will be an important time to re-establish COVID-safe vigilance at our school. To this end, CEWA has developed the 'Safe Hands, Safe Schools' campaign to assist schools across our system to promote COVID-safe hygiene messages that will help us to play our part in keeping Catholic schools open and safe for all.

CEWA is lending a hand to the COVID-19 fight with the 'Safe Hands, Safe Schools' initiative, reminding staff, students, and the school community about the importance of clean, hygienic hands for the safety of schools with the 5-point visual motif of a young child's handprint. The motif can be used as a visual tool to promote the over-arching message of having 'Safe Hands, Safe Schools'. [Safe Hands, Safe Schools Campaign](#)

SCHOOL WEBSITE - if you haven't already done so, please ensure that you visit the School website. [Ursula Frayne – Catholic College \(ufcc.wa.edu.au\)](http://UrsulaFrayne-CatholicCollege.ufcc.wa.edu.au)

We use our website to advise our school community about everything that is going on in the school (for example, newsletters, parent/teacher interviews, P&F functions, etc), so please ensure that you keep checking it.

ABSENTEES - If your child is absent from school, please ensure that a form of notification is provided to the school before 8.35am. This can be accessed from: [Absentee Notice – Ursula Frayne \(ufcc.wa.edu.au\)](http://UrsulaFrayne.ufcc.wa.edu.au) Please do not email the classroom teacher direct. For extended leave of absence, please provide written notification to the College Principal, Mr Geoff Mills, well in advance.

DUTY OF CARE - as we do not have Before and After School Care facilities on school grounds, it is important to note that duty of care is provided between 8:20am and 8.35am in the morning, and 3:15pm and 3.30pm in the afternoon. Students on school grounds out of these times are required to sit on the benches in front of the Uniform Shop. Students are NOT permitted to hang around classrooms or running around the Campus.

PARKING/PICK-UP/DROP-OFF ZONES – there is NO parent parking in the Kiss and Drop Zones on Balmoral Street or Camberwell Street. We have two pick-up and drop-off zones – one on each side of the school. Please be mindful of the street signs around the school to ensure that you are following Council Regulations. The Ranger is often around our school 'informing' parents of correct procedure.

PLAYGROUNDS - just a reminder that all the playground equipment around the school is out-of-bounds before and after school – this especially applies to the playground in the Early Childhood Area. It would be appreciated if parents would support this policy, especially with younger siblings not yet attending Frayne. Once a teacher is on duty before school at 8:20am, the two designated playground areas will be available for students to use.

At the end of last year, students and parents were consulted about a new playground area for the upper grassed space next to the Canteen. I'm happy to report that final plans are currently being reviewed by the ELT.

CANTEEN – lunch orders are **online only**. The daily cut-off time for on-line lunch orders is **8.45am**. If you haven't already done so, please spend a minute or two signing-up. More information about this process is available on our website. [My Student Account | Canteen Online Ordering & Cashless School System](http://UrsulaFrayne.ufcc.wa.edu.au)

PARENT COMMUNICATION TOOLS – There are now multiple software platforms across the College that allow for communication between teachers, students and parents. We have found that because there are so many options, important information can sometimes be missed! To streamline our communications, ALL Staff have been reminded that the only approved means of Parent communication is via email. Please do not use SEQTA Engage or Seesaw to contact staff. If you are not receiving our emails, please contact the front office to ensure we have your details correct.

BYOD iPad PROGRAM – Thank you to our Year 3 parents who managed to get their child's iPad to school on one of the two onboarding days. For the few parents who were not able to do so, please ensure your child brings their device to school fully charged and in Factory Reset Mode so that we can complete it's onboarding as soon as possible. If you would like any further information about the BYOD Program, please use the Portal Page on our Website. [BYOD – Ursula Frayne \(ufcc.wa.edu.au\)](https://ufcc.wa.edu.au)

I look forward to working closely with you all this year as we navigate our way through the Covid-19 Pandemic and other adventures that pop up! Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you all on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

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

Andy Dalton
Head of Junior School