



This information was last updated and is current as at Tuesday May 12. Additional updates will be provided as required and when information changes.

Dear Parents/Carers

The following information update confirms our current operations as we commence the third week of Term 2. I have also added the Premier's Media Statement from Sunday May 10 for your information.

Please remember that if urgent mental health advice and support is required for yourself or your children, there is a 24 hour crisis support line 1800 048 636.

Student attendance and study

There has been no further directions regarding student attendance at school since April 17 when the State Government announced that parents/carers can choose whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or continue learning from home. This is an important consideration for families and we respect your decisions concerning this.

Currently our student attendance is close to 80%. As you would be aware, this percentage does fluctuate daily, but there has been a clear rise in attendance since the commencement of Term 2, and most students are now back at school.

It is also important to know that we continue to provide student online study materials through SEQTA for those students who have not returned to school. Staff will reply to email enquiries from students as soon as possible, but please remember that at times, there are many emails to respond to. Therefore it may take staff a little longer than expected to reply, and thank you for your understanding with this.

College access for parents/carers

There has also been no change to the requirement that parents/carers drop their children off at school only, and do not enter the College grounds. As such, if you need to contact the College could you please phone on 9262 7777 or email on Ballajura.cc@education.wa.edu.au and we will work with you to resolve any enquiries. Thank you for your continuing understanding and support of this requirement.

Building on Strength in Uncertain Times: In this together – video

The Department of Education has provided this video for distribution to all school communities and highlights the 2020 National Reconciliation Week theme [In This Together](#). I have included the video in this update as it resonates at this time, and reminds us whether in a crisis or in reconciliation, the importance of place, family and community, and that we are all “in this together”.

Premier's Media Statement - Sunday May 10

The following information is a copy of the Premier's Media Statement from Sunday 10 May 2020 detailing the WA roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions.

Phase 1 is already in place following the cautious relaxing of some restrictions from April 27, 2020, to allow families and friends to stay connected.

Phase 2 will focus on encouraging Western Australians to return to work, unless they are unwell or vulnerable, so the WA economy can further rebuild in a safe and measured way.

It will come into effect from Monday, May 18 (or 11.59pm on Sunday, May 17), giving businesses and family's time to plan accordingly, and includes:

- indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings lifted to 20 people;
- people are encouraged to return to work, unless they are unwell or vulnerable;
- cafés and restaurants can reopen with meal service (including within pubs, bars, clubs, hotels and casino), limited to 20 patrons and the four square metre rule applied;
- weddings and funerals, limited to up to 20 attendees (30 for outdoor);
- places of worship, community facilities and libraries to re-open, limited to 20 patrons;
- community sports (non-contact) limited to 20 people;
- outdoor or indoor fitness classes (minimal shared equipment) limited to 20 participants;
- public swimming pools can open under strict rules (one indoor pool and one outdoor pool), limited to 20 patrons per pool.

If businesses or premises want to reopen they will be required to complete an official COVID Safety Plan. More details on this will be released shortly, in consultation with industry.

As part of Phase 2, regional travel restrictions will also change, bringing the number of current borders within Western Australia from 13 to only four (not including the Commonwealth Biosecurity zone and remote communities). The new regional boundaries will allow:

- travel between the South-West, Great Southern, Wheatbelt, Perth and Peel regions;
- travel between the Mid-West, Gascoyne and Pilbara regions (excluding Biosecurity zone);
- travel within the Goldfields-Esperance region (excluding the Biosecurity zone);
- travel permitted within the Kimberley local government areas (the Commonwealth's Biosecurity zone remains in place).

Phase 3 will be finalised in the coming weeks, based on the advice from the Chief Health Officer and will take into account the infection rates across WA. It is expected Phase 3 will be implemented around four weeks from the commencement of Phase 2.

Phase 3 will focus on continuing to build stronger links within the community and include further resumption of commercial and recreational activities, including:

- further increases in the number of people allowed at indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings, including patrons at cafés and restaurants, weddings and funerals;
- possible further relaxation of regional travel restrictions;
- restrictions further relaxed for gyms, health clubs and indoor sport centres;
- contact community sport (indoor and outdoor) permitted, with gathering limits;
- beauty therapy and personal care services permitted;
- auction houses and real estate auctions (not just online as it is currently); and
- public playgrounds, outdoor gym equipment, skate parks, zoos, cinemas, galleries, museums and concert venues permitted to open, with gathering limits.

Phase 4 will be assessed and finalised in due course.

Please continue to contact the College if you require any further information regarding Term 2 operations. I, along with the College staff continue to wish you the best as we navigate these difficult times, and thank you again for your ongoing support and consideration that you are providing the College.

Yours sincerely,

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