



## **This correspondence provides updated information about College operations from June 29, 2020.**

Dear Parents/Carers

On Monday 22 June, the WA Premier announced details of the remaining phases of Western Australia's Roadmap for easing COVID-19 restrictions. Phase 4 started on Saturday 27 June and came into effect in our schools from Monday June 29.

### **College operations**

All College operations, with some minor restrictions, are now able to resume, along with a range of activities and events in Semester 2 that were previously restricted. The follow information updates changes to our operations and activities from Monday June 29 and into Term 3.

- Extra cleaning and hygiene practices implemented at the start of Term 2 continue in Term 3;
- Social distancing measures, where possible are continuing;
- Students and staff are still asked to wash and sanitise hands regularly;
- Parents/carers continue to be able to visit the College, this must be via the administration office for security and identification requirements thank you;
- Year group and school activities, incursions, excursions, camps, meetings and assemblies can resume, limited to 500 participants for any one event;
- The Peer Mentor, Create The Dream, Student Council, Breakfast Club, Police Rangers, Amnesty and other student programs can now all operate;
- Interschool activities can recommence with the 2sqm rule applying to gatherings over 500;
- Sport and training resumes. Equipment may be shared, however equipment still requires regular cleaning;
- Student work placement can recommence if employers comply with WA COVID-19 Health guidelines;
- Normal class structures and timetable remain in operation;
- The uniform shop remains open, with social distancing requirements in place; and
- The College canteen will continue to operate with COVID – 19 food management requirements in place.

Parents/carers are reminded that if your child or children are sick with seasonal cold or flu, please keep them at home. This is in line with standard expectations and practice and is an important requirement at this time.

### **Semester one reporting**

Parents/Carers are invited to discuss your child's educational progress with their teachers on our Parent Reporting Day, Wednesday July 1. As in Term 1, these will be conducted by telephone and parents/carers can make bookings up until Wednesday. Information explaining how to access the booking service was recently mailed out and is available on the College website. Parents/carers can also contact the College for information.

Student Semester 1 academic reports are now available through SEQTA. Parents/carers are reminded that this Semester's report subject grades are indicative of academic progress, reflecting the impact COVID-19 has had on student attendance and work completion, and the general disruption to education experienced during Semester 1.

## **Term 3 commencement and College Development Day**

A reminder that Monday 20 July is a College Development Day. The first day of Term 3 for students to recommence school after the holidays is Tuesday 21 July.

### **Thank you**

As we draw to a close for the first half of the 2020 year, I wish to acknowledge and thank the College Community for the tremendous way you have managed a difficult and at times challenging situation brought about by the coronavirus.

Even though there has been considerable disruption to our College operations and educational programs, students and staff have worked hard to successfully navigate these events, remain positive and manage the restrictions.

Parents and carers have also managed changes to family life brought on by the impact of the coronavirus, and supported their children's education throughout this period. On behalf of the College Board and staff of the College, may I thank you for the tremendous support you have provided to your children, and the College this semester.

With the lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions, and as our communities open up and re-engage socially, please continue to be thoughtful of those who are still impacted by COVID-19. I know there are a number of our staff, students and their families who are still dealing with significant challenges. Let's all be aware of this and continue to provide our best wishes and support to these families as we look ahead to the second half of 2020.

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.

The staff of the College are looking forward to commencing semester 2 and returning to an almost usual school routine and mode of operation. Most importantly we are looking forward to working with the students and engaging with them in the many learning activities, events and programs that are offered at the College.

I wish you, your children and families a safe and relaxing school holiday period.

Yours sincerely,

Leigh Cottrill, Principal

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