

# A message from St Anthony's School

**ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL, WANNEROO**

**Coronavirus COVID-19 Update as at April 8, 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers

The end of this term has been one where the current global situation has tested many communities. I am very proud to acknowledge the great students, parents, carers, broader community and staff that we have at St Anthony's School. To see the community come together (remotely) in strength to ensure continuity, contact and support has been outstanding. Thank you to everyone for your calm and positive outlook to ensure that as a community we provide the best under these circumstances for our students.

St Anthony's School, like all other Catholic Schools, will remain open in Term Two but parents and carers are encouraged to keep their children home. Learning will continue to be delivered remotely. As has been the case since we transitioned to remote learning in Term One, parents and caregivers who are engaged in essential services or are required to maintain employment at a workplace may choose to send their children to school if they have no one at home to care for them. Students at school will be involved in the same remote learning program as students who are at home. If you are planning to send your child to school for the start of Term Two, please notify the school office by email ([admin@stanthonyswann.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stanthonyswann.wa.edu.au)) prior to 3.00pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

As parents and carers, you are playing an important hands-on role, assisting your children in engaging in learning at this time, as well as supporting them through any anxiety or worry they may be feeling. I would like to stress that

parents are by no means expected to take the place of teachers, and we will be doing our very best to support you and your child, delivering the curriculum and providing pastoral care in the most engaging way possible remotely.

As we continue to partner to support your child's ongoing learning, we acknowledge that it will be important to maintain regular contact between the school and parents and caregivers. Please continue to communicate with your child's teachers and please notify the office, our social worker or school nurse should you require further support.

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While we are initially planning for remote delivery of learning for the first four weeks of Term Two, we are also considering the potential for this to be extended as required.

We remain committed to the care and wellbeing of our school and broader community, especially those most vulnerable who must remain our first priority. One aspect of this is considering the social and financial impact of this situation on many families.

As communicated last week, I wish to reassure every parent and carer that the ongoing enrolment of every child in our school is guaranteed, regardless of a parent's financial circumstances.

If parents or carers have concerns in this regard, I encourage you to contact our Finance Officer or myself directly, to confidentially discuss financial support

arrangements. The following options 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 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.

Our school staff are grateful for the support and appreciation that so many parents and carers have shared as we journey together through this challenging time.

Please continue to pray for our community and beyond, for those who are unwell and for those who are providing assistance to others.

Yours sincerely

Mark Marando

Principal