

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL, WANNEROO

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update as at June 4, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your efficiency, cooperation and care when dropping off and collecting students to ensure the safest environment possible. Thank you also for the positive feedback that the staff and I have received. The Premier of Western Australia, Mark McGowan, recently announced an easing of restrictions from Friday just before midnight. This will affect some of the processes that are in place for the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and community from Monday morning.

We have had requests from parents that the current collection and drop off situation continues. This has made it easier for families to get their children into school, especially if they have younger children in the car and has also assisted in building the independence, calm and resilience of our students. We will continue this option in its current form including the staggered pick up times and monitor how this goes in the coming weeks.

Parents and carers entering school grounds

From Monday morning, parents and carers can utilise the current drop off and collection points or may come into the school grounds only to drop off and collect their children. To maintain social distancing, capacity regulations and the safety of all in our community, parents and carers are not to enter classrooms and are not to congregate in the school grounds. To facilitate this, the gate near the library will continue to open at 8.20am. Students in Years 1-6 may be walked through the gate and then students can make their own way directly to the classroom. Students in 3yo Kindy, Kindy and Pre-Primary may be walked into the Kindy and Pre-Primary playground area where staff will meet them. When collecting your child, if not using the drive through pick-up, please park your car and attend the relevant collection point where you can then walk your child back to your car. Again, please avoid congregating. The Kindy carpark will continue to be used for drive through pickup and drop off so can't be used for parking. If you are walking your child in, please use other parking options.

Students who feel unwell

If your child is feeling unwell, has flu or cold symptoms including a runny nose, sneeze, fever, cough or sore throat, please do not send them to school. If your child is unwell at school, you will be contacted to come and collect them immediately. Students and family members who are unwell need to stay home to get well and avoid passing on any illness to others.

School Canteen and Uniform Shop

If utilising the canteen or uniform shop, please use the online ordering systems. Both are available on the school website under School Information and then under Canteen or Uniform. Uniform requirements will continue to be flexible where a child may wear any complete school uniform whilst physical visits to the uniform shop are not available. This means that the correct shoes and accessories need to be worn with each uniform.

Water Bottles

Students are still required to bring at least one water bottle. There are more refill options available as we have converted a number of our bubblers to refill taps. As more of these become available, we will convert additional bubblers to taps.

School Library

The school library will be open for borrowing from next week. Students will only be allowed to borrow one book and there will be additional cleaning and returns requirements.

Hygiene

Please continue to remind your child to wash and/or sanitize their hands regularly especially when entering and exiting their classroom, after going to the bathroom and before eating. Please also encourage them to wash their hands when leaving and returning home. There are ample dispensers of sanitizer around the school and at classroom entrances.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Before and after school activities will resume cautiously but providers will need to ensure equipment is cleaned prior to and after use. A register recording students involved and the parents/carers present will be required. Parents and carers will also need to ensure physical distancing, not congregating in the same area, when supervising their children. We will keep you informed as these resume.

Reports

Reports will be sent home at the very end of this term to give us greater opportunity to collect data on student progress. The report format for Semester One has been modified due to remote learning and disruptions which have occurred during the semester. The report will indicate whether your child is working at the expected level or towards the expected level for this time of year and will also explain the content that has been covered. We will return to the regular report format for the end of the year.

Sacramental Programs

Sacramental programs will start to resume with additional regulations in place. The First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programs will continue on the dates originally planned. Further information will be provided.

At this stage, it is important to keep the learning and environment as calm as possible for our students so that they can continue the momentum they have built since returning to school. We will be focused on limiting the amount of disruptions to classes. We will continue to monitor activities and make the most informed decisions possible maintaining the safety and wellbeing of our community as the priority. Thank you for your ongoing support and for your partnership in working with the school for the benefit of our students and community.

Best wishes and God bless

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