

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL, WANNEROO

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update as at May 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your efforts in maintaining the health and safety of our students, staff and community. It has been very positive seeing parents and carers model current requirements by dropping children off at the gate at the correct times and moving through the drop off areas efficiently. Pre-Primary to Year 6 gates open at 8.25am and Kindy and 3+ Programs open at 9.00am. The resilience, determination and independence demonstrated by our students, including our youngest, to enter the school gates, meet staff and go to their classrooms has been outstanding.

On Sunday, the WA Premier Mark McGowan, announced the way forward for Western Australia mapping out the easing of restrictions over a period of time. The next easing of restrictions, or Stage Two, occurs from Monday the 18th of May. What requires consideration is that there is no set date for Stage Three. This is based on how the health of Western Australians is maintained and also on how well we all maintain requirements that will prevent any spread of COVID-19. It is important that as a community, we remain vigilant, careful and measured in our actions.

As more students transition from learning remotely at home to learning onsite at school, it is important that you inform the school office if your child who has been learning from home is now planning to attend school. This helps us in our planning so that each student makes the transition as smoothly as possible. Understanding the number of students who will be attending also helps us to determine simple management items such as whether we require staggered pick up or drop offs to facilitate parents remaining with their vehicle and passing through carparks safely and efficiently.

Drop Off and Pick Up

At this stage, we are continuing to monitor morning drop off, but we will stagger afternoon collection immediately starting this afternoon.

Morning drop off for Pre-Primary to Year 6 students will continue to be at **8.25am**

Year 1-6 students enter through the library gates from the Church Carpark.

PP students and their siblings enter through the Kindy Carpark

Morning drop off for Kindy and 3+ Program students will be at the Kindy Carpark at **9.00am**.

Parents and Carers are reminded that they are not to leave their immediate car area. If you are walking your child in, you will need to stop before the gate. Cooperation and assistance with this has been excellent.

Afternoon pick up will be staggered beginning from 2.30pm until 3.20pm. Please do not arrive early at the pick-up lines.

2.30pm: 3+ Program, Kindy students and their siblings are to be collected from the Kindy Carpark.

2.50pm: PP – Year 6 students in McAuley and Mercy Houses are collected. Year 1- 6 students from the Church Carpark pick up area and PP students and their siblings from the Kindy Carpark pick up area.

3.05pm: PP – Year 6 students in Peregrine and Servite Houses are collected. Year 1- 6 students from the Church Carpark pick up area and PP students and their siblings from the Kindy Carpark pick up area.

Please make sure your family name is displayed on your car sun visor.

Water Bottles

Water fountains are closed. **Students are still required to bring two water bottles to school.** There are two refill taps where students can refill their bottles.

Library

The library remains closed for borrowing. This is something we will open once school and hygiene practices become routine. It is important that students have access to quality books and reading opportunities and this is something that we will review regularly.

Social Distancing

Schools are exempt from this however, based on health advice it is important to maintain this with adults in and around the school. Adults entering the school will be very limited. Please contact the school office by phone or email if you require anything. School activities that require adult intervention will resume gradually based on guidelines and how essential to students each activity is.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed. Please order any items you require online at the following link: <http://www.saw.wa.edu.au/uniforms> We will send uniform items home with the your child or arrange for collection at the school collection point outside the front office.

In the current situation, we are relaxing the uniform requirements and students are able to wear any variation of the school uniform including summer, sport or winter uniform. Please ensure that uniforms are clean.

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. Now is not the time to soldier on. Students and family members who are unwell need to stay home to get well and avoid passing on any illness to others.

What will school look like after this week

During the week, Catholic Education WA, AISWA and the State Government are reviewing what education will look like in future weeks. We will inform you of the St Anthony's School plan towards the end of this week or as soon as information becomes available.

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.

School Items

Students are able to start leaving textbooks and materials in their pigeon holes or trays at school to avoid bringing items back and forward each day.

Student Wellbeing

Most importantly, if you or your child are struggling with transitioning back to school or further support is required, please contact the school office so we can be in touch to see how we can help.

Thank you for your continued support – we are fortunate to have such a wonderful community and I am grateful for this. It has been a pleasure seeing many students and families again this term and also hearing about how our families learning from home are going. I would also like to thank our amazing staff who have worked tirelessly to provide the best opportunities for all our students.

Best wishes and take care

Mark Marando

Principal