



"A light beneath our feet"

February 5, 2021

Dear parent/caregiver

I am writing to advise that our school will open for the start of Term One next week. This is in response to Premier Mark McGowan's announcement last night that the hard lockdown in the Perth, Peel and South West regions will be lifted at 6.00pm today, Friday, February 5. However, some restrictions will continue to apply until at least 12:01am February 14.

We are delighted and excited that St Anthony's School will be welcoming our students back to school on Monday, 8 February from 8.20am (PP-6). The most important aspect of the continuing restrictions will be a requirement for all staff members to wear a mask except when teaching. There is no requirement for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to wear a mask; however, they may choose to do so if they wish.

The following information about school drop-off is provided for your information:

- Gates will be opened at 8.20am each morning and students should proceed directly to their classroom. Students should not be entering the school grounds before this time or be left unattended outside the gates.
- Pre-primary students must be delivered to the classroom door at 8.20am by a parent/carer or older sibling.
- Kindergarten and 3 Plus students are to stay with their parents/carers until they are handed over to the class teacher at 9.00am.

Parents who are waiting on school grounds with their children are reminded they must be wearing masks and maintaining 1.5m social distancing. At this stage, parents are not able to enter classrooms.

Afternoon school pick-up arrangements will remain the same as those operating in Semester 2, 2020.

I appreciate that parents and students will have many questions about the new arrangements and assure you that I will continue to provide information about the requirements as soon it becomes available.

Information about the Government's announcement is available on the wa.gov.au site. The latest health information is available through WA Health Department.

Our school staff will continue to work closely with you to ensure that all children can be welcomed back to school on Monday, 8 February in a safe manner. Your child's health and well-being remains our first priority.

God bless,

Therese Bandy
Principal
St Anthony's School