

REMINDERS FOR THE START OF SCHOOL TOMORROW

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you are all well. Please see some reminders for the start of Term Two and a letter from Catholic Education WA Executive Director, Dr Debra Sayce below:

Pick up / Drop off Procedures for students attending school

Kindy and Pre-Primary students are to be dropped off at the Kindy Carpark. This will be kiss and drop only. Parents/Carers can only get out of the car if their child needs assistance with their car seat.

Year 1-6 students are to be dropped off at the drop/off pick up area Parents/Carers are not to exit the car.

Gates open: Pre-Primary-Year 6 at 8.25am and Kindy drop off at 9.00am.

If you have a child in Pre-Primary, siblings can be dropped off at the K/PP carpark.

If you have a child in Kindy and a sibling in Year 1-6, it may be convenient to use both drop offs so that each child arrives at the correct location at the correct time.

Please note you will need to move through the areas safely and quickly as the opportunity to park, especially in the K/PP carpark is unavailable.

Pick up – students will be spread out across both grassed area. Year 1-6 at the usual pick up gates.

K/PP and siblings at K/PP Carpark. Pick up is drive through only. Parents should only get out of the car to secure their child's car seat if applicable.

Please ensure parents/carers aren't gathering in the carpark.

Social Distancing

Schools are exempt from social distancing but we will continue to encourage spacing where possible.

Water Bottles

Please ensure students bring two water bottles as the water fountains are closed.

Canteen

Please order online only - there will be no over the counter sales.

School Work

Please ensure any students coming to school bring their work packs, text books, stationery and iPads as applicable.

Learning at Home

A link to the learning at home website can be found under Quick Links on the school website.

Absentees

Please ensure students engaged in the learning from home program are required to sign in their attendance by 8.35am on the learning at home website. Kindy students are required to sign in by 9.10am.

Student Health

Please keep children at home if they are unwell. If children present at school feeling unwell or with any symptoms, you will be contacted to come and collect them.

Message from Catholic Education WA Executive Director – Dr Debra Sayce



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

I wanted to firstly thank you for your strong support of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA), and especially for our wonderful staff, over the past six weeks. Our system's commitment to a Christ-centred and student-focused education has been at the forefront of our efforts as we have been challenged by and responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you are aware, in alignment with the Western Australian Government's position, from Wednesday 29 April, Catholic schools will reopen. CEWA continues to be in full compliance with the National Cabinet's "COVID-19: National Principles of School Education". [Link to National Principles](#) Students in Years 11 and 12 are strongly encouraged to attend classes for face-to-face teaching. Parents of children in Years K to 10 have been given the choice as to whether their children attend school or undertake learning from home. Parents are reminded that they should not send their children to school if they are unwell.

Please be assured that the best possible teaching and learning will be offered to all students in Years K to 10, either through on-line learning or the completion of school developed work packs. Any child who attends a Catholic school will be taught and supported in their learning and pastoral welfare by their teachers and education assistants. The same opportunities will be provided to those children who are working from home.

I would like to provide you with some information about the planned transition of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) to full attendance at school by all of our students. We hope that this will occur soon.

CEWA is guided by, and in full compliance with, the COVID-19 National Principles for School Education. In making a final decision regarding the full return by students to schools, the following three considerations will need to be satisfied:

1. Our students and staff must be safe at school.
2. The education provided to all students must be high quality and equitable.
3. Teachers will provide teaching and learning opportunities to students through one mode of delivery.

In determining the achievement of these three conditions, CEWA will undertake a formal review of its current position on Monday 11 May. We will closely monitor the Government's daily health advice, guided by the Chief Health Officer of Western Australia and informed by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) [Link to advice](#). We will also continue to plan for the physical, cleaning and hygiene requirements that will be required for a full return by all students to school. Attendance rates will be monitored daily to ensure that we are offering the most effective and appropriate teaching and learning strategies for our students.

I am aware that your principal has recently written to you reaffirming that every child's place in a Catholic school is guaranteed, regardless of a parent's financial situation. Information regarding fee relief and details of the Health Care Card discount scheme have also been provided to you. If you have any concerns with school fees, I strongly encourage you to contact your principal to have a confidential conversation.

I share your strong desire to see our schools return to the vibrant and engaging environments which have always been hallmarks of Catholic Education; where teachers can welcome their students on a daily basis and teaching can be delivered to all children within the rich learning environments of our classrooms.

Yours sincerely
Dr Debra Sayce
Executive Director

Best wishes and take care
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