



31 January 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

Today, Sunday - 31 January 2021, the WA Premier, Mr Mark McGowan, announced a five-day lockdown for the Perth, Peel and Southwest Regions; commencing 6:00pm on Sunday, 31 January and ending 6:00pm on Friday, 5 February, unless the lockdown period is extended. The Premier's announcement included a statement highlighting that all schools would remain closed for the five-day lockdown, extending the current school holidays by five days.

The School's Executive Team met at 2:00pm this afternoon and confirmed the following information specific to John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School.

Staff will not be onsite over the next five days and students should remain at home with their parents or guardians throughout the lockdown period.

Vacation Care Service – Children of Essential Care Workers

The School's Vacation Care service will not be available to children unless they are children of Essential Workers. Essential Workers are those who work in a necessary service where the delivery context is governed by that of a service which cannot be delivered from home. Places are extremely limited at the School's Vacation Care service. Please note that when the limit of the School's supervision has been reached, the School will not be in a position to take further children in.

Parents who require the use of the School's Vacation Care service for their children must produce evidence of their necessity to work. This evidence may include an email from your employer highlighting your field of work and the requirement to work over the period of the five-day lockdown. Without this evidence, children will not be able to be enrolled at the School's Vacation Care service.

Wearing of Masks

Parents must also present onsite at the School in a mask to drop their children off at the School's Vacation Care service, as mask-wearing outside of the home environment is now mandatory. Children accessing this service must also have a mask.

Kindergarten – Year 10 Curriculum

The Kindergarten to Year 10 (K – 10) curriculum will not be delivered to students over the next five-day period. Staff will be using the time over the next five days working from home, to ensure they are ready to deliver an online version of the school curriculum, should the lockdown be extended. If the State is forced to extend the lockdown period, JSRACS staff will be in a strong position to deliver classes online, as was demonstrated by the School so effectively in the 2020 lockdown period.

Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 Camp which was scheduled for Wednesday, February 3 to Friday, February 5 will be postponed. Further information will be sent to all parents of Year 7 students as the details of the postponement are worked through.

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Year 11 and Year 12

Year 11 and Year 12 teachers will be working from home over the next two days to ensure the commencement of course delivery to all Year 11 and Year 12 students from Wednesday, 3 February. The online delivery of Year 11 and Year 12 curriculum will reflect the 2020 delivery, which was highly effective. Further information will be disseminated to all students and parents through the School's Facebook Page, as well as DIREQT Messages on SEQTA to all students and email contact to all parents.

Support

While all staff have been looking forward to seeing their students from February 1, and the School planned to commence the year with some level of normality, we also planned for the possibility of an interrupted commencement to the 2021 academic year. Please know that John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School is well placed to support all members of our community whatever the situation.

We continue to monitor the WA position in relation to COVID-19 and schooling very closely; and are ready to adapt as the situation changes. Please be assured that we will continue to keep you updated over the coming days.

Yours sincerely



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