



John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

An irrefutable strength of John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School (JSRACS), as highlighted through the ECU School Survey conducted in 2019, is the powerful sense of community that pervades all facets of our School, its staff, students and parents. For those of us who have worked at and been associated with JSRACS either for many, or perhaps just a few years, we do not require a school survey to confirm what we already know. This sense of community is tangible. It is an important aspect of who we are.

Our sense of community has been rocked by the onset of COVID-19 and the necessary implementation of the numerous crucial measures that we have taken at JSRACS as a result of the requirements set of schools by both the National and State Governments. While face-to-face lessons and teaching onsite were commenced at JSRACS on Monday, 11 May 2020, we have still not been afforded the opportunity yet to return to gathering in community as we did pre-COVID-19. While this has been difficult, there have been various innovative developments within our School that have ensured and reinforced the continuing sense of community. This sense of community at JSRACS has been highlighted and maintained through the active engagement of all staff in their daily support of your children. New and creative aspects have included in-class Chapel Services and Assemblies in Primary, the Sway Chapel Services in Secondary and the Year 10 Careers Advice Presentation to all Year 10 students through Microsoft Teams. While there are many more examples, these are but a few of the ways our staff have harnessed creativity to develop that JSRACS flavour of community over the past three weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parents and Guardians for the way that you have worked alongside the School in making the best out of the current restrictions. Your valuable responses have been highly supportive of our community and its expectations.

With the lifting of additional COVID-19 restrictions from 6 June 2020, as detailed by the State Government on the afternoon of Friday, 29 May 2020, our School now has an extended opportunity to connect and engage more with each other in community. Please note that a further lifting of the current restrictions, in line with the State Government's expectations, will be discussed by the School Executive this week, after which a communication to all Parents and Guardians will follow, in which the specific details will be outlined. The current restrictions will, in the meanwhile, remain in place until further notice.

As always, thank you for your invaluable and ongoing support of the School.

Yours sincerely

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