



# John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

On Friday, 17 April 2020, the WA Government announced a 'soft Term Two opening' for public schools as part of their COVID-19 response. I write to inform you of the arrangements for the start of Term Two for all Anglican Schools Commission (ASC) schools and more specifically, John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School (JSRACS).

As previously planned and advertised through the School's calendar, the ANZAC Day public holiday on Monday, 27 April 2020 is followed by a JSRACS Staff Professional Development Day on 28 April 2020, with Term Two commencing on Wednesday, 29 April 2020.

**ASC schools will be taking a phased approach towards normal operations as we return in Term Two. For the first three weeks of Term Two (until Friday, 15 May 2020), all students will continue learning via the remote learning program that was put in place for the final weeks of Term One.**

We are confident in our remote learning program continuing to meet the needs of all students over the next three weeks. During this time, however, parents may choose to send their children to learn on campus if they are unable to support their child's learning at home. Years 11 and 12 students are encouraged to return to School from the first day of Term Two, this being Wednesday, 29 April 2020. Please note that while this is encouraged, it is not compulsory and those Years 11 and 12 students who choose to continue to access the School's remote learning program from home will not be disadvantaged in any way.

All students, inclusive of any Year 11 and Year 12 students who choose to return to School, will be taught as per the remote learning schedule. Teachers will not be conducting the normal 'face-to-face' lessons for those students present at School, as all students regardless of whether they are on campus or at home will access the same 'remote learning' until further notice. We envisage the change to face-to-face lessons may occur when the State Government makes further decisions relevant to easing the current restrictions that may allow the vast majority of students to return to campus.

To enable JSRACS to plan effectively for the commencement of Term Two, it is imperative that all parents/guardians who intend for their child/children to return to School next week complete the application form in the following link and submit it before 4:00pm on Thursday, 23 April 2020. Please note that a separate form will need to be completed for each child. The School requires a minimum of two days' notice if your requirements change at any stage in the coming weeks.

[Intention of my child/children to resume on campus learning](#)

## Health and Safety Measures

For those students who return to schooling on campus during this transitional 'phased return' period, there will be additional measures in place to mitigate 'as best we can', against the risks associated with the return of students to our School. The health and safety of our staff and students remains our highest priority.

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The School is following the recommendations as set out by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC). We will endeavour to implement the following health and safety measures to the best of the School's ability:

- Students will be encouraged and expected to maintain a 1.5 metre social distance from other students and adults, including during recess/break times where practical;
- Learning areas will be reconfigured to apply social distancing where practical; in some instances, this may mean that student desks will be limited within a classroom to comply with this requirement;
- Additional hygiene measures will be maintained, including increased hand washing and the provision of hand sanitisers (where possible) across the campus;
- Extra cleaners will be employed for intensive environmental cleaning of high touch surfaces including desks, rails and doorknobs throughout the school day, as frequently as is practicable;
- Playground equipment will be cleaned before and after each recess and lunch break;
- Canteens will not be operating due to associated health and hygiene risks. All students must provide their own food requirements for the day and food is not to be shared;
- Communal water fountains will not be operational and the requirement for all students to provide a water bottle for the duration of the school day remains in place;
- All excursions, camps and sporting competitions remain on hold;
- All group activities beyond classes will not take place unless social distancing protocols can be achieved;
- Visitors will not be admitted onto the school campus without the prior approval of the Principal;
- Parents and Guardians of PP-Year 12 students are not to enter the school campus beyond the carpark (Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten Parents/Guardians may escort their child to the classroom door);
- Students and staff who are unwell should remain at home.

While the above list is precautionary, these actions only mitigate the risks present and are not a guarantee against the spread of COVID-19. The School is striving to ensure these measures are put into practice successfully, but can only achieve what is reasonably practicable within a school community environment.

The first three weeks of Term Two will be a transition period as we take a cautious approach towards the day when all students will again be learning onsite at School. By the end of Week 3, the ASC and JSRACS will review the health and government advice and directives that will be issued then in order to update our school community on the arrangements that will apply from Monday, 18 May 2020.

We continue to monitor the WA position in relation to COVID-19 and Schooling and are ready to adapt as the situation changes. Please be assured of our confidence that the JSRACS remote learning will provide continuity of education. We will keep you updated over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



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