



John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

COVID-19 Information Update

John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School has been pre-emptive in every aspect of its implementation of its responses to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic. Students are continuing to respond well to the social isolation protocols and the School's hygiene protocols have been readily received and acted upon by staff and students alike.

The School is adjusting to the new temporary norm of having its hours limited from 8:30am to 3:30pm, with no element of the School's co-curricular program being actioned as a result of the Coronavirus. Community gatherings, such as Sub-School Assemblies, Chapel Services and Year Group gatherings have also been temporarily ceased until further notice.

Along with the implementation of the above protocols, and other protocols as have been forwarded to all families, I am pleased to report that last week's Year 10 Online, Remote Learning and Teaching Trial was an outstanding success. The trial highlighted that the School is well resourced; and its teaching staff have the skills to maintain the continuity of the teaching and learning program in the event of any Government directive to temporarily close the School.

With reference to the above, the Executive Team have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to plan for the continuity of the Teaching and Learning Program should we be directed by the Government to close. The Executive will be distributing specific schedules and plans to each family identifying the way in which our School will maintain your child's or children's education throughout any forced school closure.

Updated Contact Information

To ensure all families are able to receive relevant communications from the School, it is vital that your details are up-to-date. In the coming days, all families will receive a Consent2Go request to confirm their contact details. To ensure we can communicate with you in a timely manner, it is imperative that you review and update your contact information as a priority. If you currently have a work email address listed and do not have remote access to this email, we recommend that you alter this to a personal email in the event that you are unable to attend your workplace. We will also have SMS capabilities available for short communications.

Students working from home in the event of a School Closure

As has already been stated, our staff are currently engaging in additional professional development in the delivery of online learning experiences. These experiences will vary between year groups and sub-schools, be age-appropriate and be delivered in line with the Western Australian Curriculum. Further information will be distributed over the coming days.

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Maintaining School Attendance

Currently, the School expects that all students attend every day, as is our expected attendance requirement. As a School, we have taken steps to appropriately enact social distancing measures and focus on the promotion of the whole-school hygiene principles to mitigate any risk to our staff and students. While planning is underway to offer the ability for students to work from home, we cannot do this while our teachers are still delivering lessons to students in our classrooms.

If families choose to keep their children at home during the current period of uncertainty; and when the School is open and operational, it will be the responsibility of Secondary students to access classwork currently posted online through mediums such as Microsoft Teams, OneNote or through the SEQTA portal; however, no additional work or support can be provided. Students in the Primary School are directed to refer to their homework grid including any IXL or Mathspace tasks as set by their teacher and will need to be reliant on their parents' support.

While we are pre-empting a forced closure of the School in the coming days and/or weeks, it is not reasonable to expect our teachers to conduct a full day of face-to-face lessons, complete all other work that they do throughout the day, prepare for the possible forced closure of the School and also manage individual learning for a select group who decide to stay at home.

For further information, the School also encourages you to reference the *Frequently Asked Questions COVID – 19 JSRACS* Information Sheet as attached to this email. It can also be found on the School's website.

As always, we appreciate your understanding and continued support during this time.

Yours sincerely



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