



# John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School

A school of the Anglican Schools Commission Inc

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Dear Parents and Guardians

This morning, I met with The Chief Executive Officer of the Anglican Schools Commission (ASC) along with all ASC Principals to discuss the ASC's response to the current COVID-19 situation. A broad directive was agreed to; that from Tuesday, 24 March 2020 (tomorrow), all parents are urged to keep their children home from all ASC schools, while teaching staff will use the four days – Tuesday, 24 March to Friday, 27 March inclusive - to finalise their preparation to deliver remote, online classes from Monday, 30 March 2020.

The preparation of the staff of John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School (JSRACS) to transition to a remote, online learning environment has been the School's focus for many weeks; and as I shared with parents in my letter dated 22 March 2020, the School is well resourced and staff capably trained and experienced to deliver through an online medium.

**To confirm, commencing 24 March (tomorrow), students should remain at home,** including students involved in CareerLink training courses, work placements and other School Based Traineeships, while teaching staff will use the four days - 24 March to 27 March inclusive - to finalise their preparation to deliver remote, online classes from Monday, 30 March 2020.

We urge all families to take this response seriously. Please ensure you keep your children AT HOME, in the interests of their health and the health of the wider community. If you do have to go out for essential reasons, please keep to the social distancing rules recommended by Government.

During the four days this week, Secondary students may 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.

In response to the Prime Minister's recommendation that schools are required to 'remain open' for key personnel who must continue working, JSRACS will support parents whose line of work is essential to supporting the wider community, i.e. Doctors, Nurses, Emergency Services personnel, and who do not have alternative options for the care and supervision of their children. We caution against using older grandparents or relatives for childcare during this time, due to the increased risk of COVID-19 for this group. The supervision of the children who attend JSRACS from tomorrow will be limited; however, will be overseen by the School's non-teaching staff. The School's non-teaching staff will ensure that these students are practicing social distancing protocols (4sqm rule per person) and the relevant hygiene protocols; however, they will be located in appropriate open areas around the campus and will be provided with activities to maintain a basic engagement with the curriculum until Friday, 27 March.

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From Monday, 30 March 2020, the School remains open for those families who do not have the ability to stay at home and care for their children due to work commitments. The anticipated small numbers of students required to be supervised by non-teaching staff will participate in their remote, online learning activities, as if they were at home, and with the normal break times.

More detailed information will be distributed to all parents regarding their child's or children's access to the remote, online teaching and learning environment by Thursday, 26 March. This information will be forwarded to all parents by the relevant Associate Principals. It is imperative that all parents read this information over the upcoming weekend to ensure that all families are completely informed and are able to access the learning provided by the School for all students.

Please note that in the online environment, attendance will be taken as per a normal school day, with Secondary students' attendance 'marked' at each of the 'check in' times scheduled by the School and for Primary Students, through the submission of a Microsoft Forms Attendance log completed by parents each day.

Please also note that the School Bus Services will be cancelled until further notice and no Canteen and Food Services will operate on the School site from Wednesday, 25 March.

We understand all families are facing unexpected challenges due to COVID-19 and we want to reiterate our support for you, our school community. For those families who may face severe financial pressure, please contact the School so we can work through a solution to best support you during this time.

The School is here to support all our families during this difficult time. While your children's education will be delivered differently, we will continue to provide ongoing learning in their home environment.

Yours sincerely



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**PRINCIPAL**