



29 June 2020

Dear Parents & Guardians

COVID-19 PHASE 4 RESTRICTIONS

Western Australia's transition into Phase 4 Restrictions is a welcome shift that will positively impact the sense of community at John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School (JSRACS) and enhance the range of opportunities available to students in attendance.

While Phase 4 Restrictions were implemented across the State from midnight on Saturday, 27 June 2020, JSRACS will maintain its current level of restrictions and associated expectations until the end of Term 2; this being Thursday, 2 July 2020.

All activities and events that are able to be accommodated under the requirements of Phase 4 Restrictions will be held at JSRACS upon the commencement of Term 3, albeit with some level of restriction. All events and calendar items will be reviewed with the expectation that 1.5m physical distancing is maintained and that all events will require an area of 2 square meters per person, a stipulated expectation for Phase 4 Restrictions.

In stating the above, it should be noted that the School's intention is to reinstate most, not all, Terms 3 and 4 activities previously placed on hold or cancelled. Unfortunately, some activities require a significant lead-in time for preparation, planning and organization. These events will not be reinstated. It is neither the School's intention to reinstate activities that were missed earlier in Terms 1 and 2 later this year; however, there will be some exceptions to this consideration.

The School's Executive will be reviewing all aspects of the Terms 3 and 4 Calendar over the school holiday period, after which relevant events will be updated on the School's Calendar for all parents to access.

The requirement for parents to drop off and pick up their Primary aged children at the designated drop off areas will remain in place throughout Terms 3 and 4, as there have been a number of significant tangential benefits realised as a result of this practice. These benefits include the noticeable increase in the independence of our younger students, a higher level of resilience demonstrated by our Primary aged children and a significantly smoother start to each day, with less anxious behaviours exhibited by our students as they seamlessly and immediately engage with each other upon arrival.

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This continuing expectation does not preclude any parent arranging an interview or meeting with their child's teacher; however, these do need to be scheduled and arranged for an appointment to be ascertained. I trust that parents may see the benefit of this decision and support the School with this ongoing expectation.

The School is looking forward to regaining a sense of community in Terms 3 and 4 through the reinstatement of a number of its events and weekly practices, and I personally look forward to re-engaging with parents as they attend our School events throughout the remainder of the 2020 academic year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bartell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jason Bartell
PRINCIPAL