



# John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

The John Septimus Roe Anglican School (JSRACS) Council and Executive have been monitoring the COVID-19 situation within the State of Western Australia and are pleased that the numbers of cases continue to fall, with no new cases reported in Western Australia for the past four days, as at Sunday, 3 May 2020.

**By way of update, I would like to confirm that the School has decided to maintain the Remote Learning Program for Week 2, being Monday, 4 May to Friday, 8 May. A decision has also been made for all students to return onsite to School one week earlier than planned, from the beginning of Week 3 (next week) on Monday, 11 May. This decision has been considered and taken against the fact that there have been no COVID-19 cases in the past 4 days and that the Western Australian Government has seen it fit to slowly lift a number of community restrictions over the past week.**

Parents still have a choice to keep their children at home due to their concerns with the Coronavirus. This choice, however, has been end dated until Friday, 15 May 2020 by the Minister for Education and Training, The Honourable Sue Ellery, after which further decisions will be made by the Department of Education. In this regard, for parents who choose to keep their children at home, it must be noted that from 11 May 2020, the School's Remote Learning Program will not be implemented as it is not reasonable to expect the School's staff to deliver both remote learning and face to face modes of educational delivery. It will be expected that all students who are not in attendance on and/or after 11 May 2020 should access their learning materials through the SEQTA Portal.

In my last letter regards the COVID-19 situation, I confirmed that JSRACS would be implementing a phased approach towards normal operations in Term 2. This phased approach includes ensuring that the School is in a position to implement all of the necessary health principles as directed by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), specific to schools, as students arrive back on campus. It is important that we implement these principles effectively to mitigate against the risk of any spread of COVID-19 within our community in order to ensure the safety of our staff, students and parents.

The School has implemented the health and safety measures recommended by the AHPPC and will continue to implement the following recommendations for the safety and health of all members of our School community:

- Students will be encouraged and expected to maintain a 1.5 metre social distance from other students and adults, including during break times where practical;
- Additional hygiene measures have been maintained to meet the need for increased hand washing, including the provision of hand sanitisers across the school campuses;
- Extra cleaners have been employed for intensive environmental cleaning of high touch surfaces including desks, rails and doorknobs throughout the school day, as frequently as is practicable;

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- Playground equipment has been and will continue to be cleaned before and after each recess and lunch break;
- Canteens will be operating with increased safety and hygiene measures including the observance of strict social distancing rules;
- Communal water fountains will not be operational and the requirement remains for all students to bring a water bottle for the duration of the school day;
- All excursions, camps and sporting competitions remain on hold;
- 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 and parents will be contacted to pick their children up should they be exhibiting cold or flu-like symptoms.

I understand how impactful the Remote Learning Program has been for all concerned. I would like to acknowledge our staff for their commitment to the implementation of the Remote Learning Program, our parents for supporting the School's decisions and for supporting their children throughout this uncertain period. Most of all I would like to acknowledge our students who have continued to strive for personal excellence throughout the Remote Learning Program.

We look forward to seeing our community return together on Monday, 11 May 2020 when all students will be in attendance at classes as normal.

Yours sincerely



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