



John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

As the end of term is upon us, I write to thank all in our school community for working together to ensure that your children are well educated and cared for in these past very challenging weeks. We do not know what Term 2 will bring in this constantly changing environment of COVID-19. While we wish we were all returning to our school campus at the end of April, remote delivery will be our way of schooling for now.

You may have heard that a few schools in WA are offering an across-the-board reduction in tuition fees for next term. All ASC schools, including John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School, have taken the decision to support any school family in need due to losing part or all of your household income. No ASC school is offering an overall fee reduction for Term 2. Schools like ours operate on a model which keeps our tuition fees as low as possible in order to be as accessible to as many families as possible. Our largest budget line is teacher salaries and these are costs that will continue as usual in Term 2.

Accordingly, John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School will use available budget resources to provide tuition fee relief for families suffering financial stress from loss of job, reduction in hours or business closure due to COVID-19. As the ASC CEO, The Reverend Peter Laurence OAM and I said last week in our letter to school families; be assured that our School will support you so that your child or children can remain at John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School. It is our policy to support families on a needs basis so that every student can remain at our School for Term 2 and beyond.

Since all schools have now moved to a remote learning model (much of it being online), we understand that this brings an increase in parent involvement and supervision. However, remote or online learning is not home schooling. While remote or online learning looks a bit different to the usual school week on campus, it is designed in the best interests of our students based on age and the required learning outcomes.

Our teachers create the scheduling, lesson content and resources, in alignment with WA curriculum requirements, and are working at an intense pace to deliver a high-quality remote learning experience for our students. We manage the curriculum and provide the programming that fits strategically into the overarching learning journey for your child.

Our teachers are dedicated experts in their field, so please leave the heavy lifting to us, as you do when your daughter or son is on campus. While you may find that your child requires some support or guidance from you, especially if you have younger children, our endeavour is to make the home learning experience as simple and flexible as possible for parents and carers.

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I remind families who need tuition fee support for Term 2 to contact fees@jsracs.wa.edu.au so that we can work with you on a solution that best fits your situation. You are partners with us in the education of your children; that is especially so now. If you need help and support during this period of remote or online learning, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can assist you.

As we approach Easter, I invite you to reflect on the central message of the Easter story, that of 'hope'. Through death, despair and hopelessness comes resurrection, new life and hope. Together, we will get through the devastating effects of this pandemic, and emerge 'renewed with hope' for all that lies ahead. Whatever your circumstances, may this Easter bring your family together (even if it is via Zoom or Skype), strengthened in love and hope.

From all staff at John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School, we wish you and your family the blessings of a happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JB', written in a cursive style.

Jason Bartell
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