

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

In response to the growing concern about the impact of COVID-19 in WA, I write to inform you of changes that will commence in the School this week which will take us to Thursday 9 April, being the last day of Term 1.

From tomorrow, I strongly urge you to keep your children at home if possible. Where families cannot take care of their children at home, including families whose parents are frontline health or essential workers, supervision will be provided at school. From tomorrow all ASC schools will commence a process of transitioning to online learning such that this mode of delivery is fully in place by Monday 30 March.

During this week, students are able to complete work at home; however, parents are advised that this is a transition period and normal teaching and learning will not apply. No special curricular or co-curricular programs will operate. Staff will take the remainder of this week to finalise their programs in readiness for online delivery.

As per previous correspondence to parents, the key modes of delivery will be via SeeSaw and SEQTA in the Primary and SEQTA, Microsoft Teams and other department specific platforms in the Secondary. In recent days, where age appropriate, teaching staff have discussed online arrangements with their students in preparation for such an eventuality. A *Learning from Home Guide* which covers the School's expectations and requirements, plus useful pointers to assist students, will be sent to them later this week. One such requirement is recording student attendance.

As of next Monday, one or more locations in the School will be set aside as supervised learning areas. In these locations students will undertake online learning as if they were at home. Adult supervision will be in place at all times including recess and lunch times. Executive staff will continue to be on duty after school when students leave for the day.

The Café is now closed. Any students on site will need to bring their own food and drinks from home.

OSH Club will continue to offer their before and after school care service for Primary age students. Please contact them directly for care arrangements.

Bus West and John Wollaston buses will continue to operate for the remainder of the term as long as there are passengers.

The government has been explicit about all citizens observing social distancing requirements. In a school context, this not only pertains to being on campus but includes students travelling to and from school and in drop-off and pick-up arrangements. From next Monday, with significantly reduced numbers on campus, the 4sqm rule per person will be strictly applied.

Please be assured that the School is here to support all our families during this difficult time. While your children's education will be delivered differently, the staff have been diligent to ensure that online materials are both engaging and accessible. Staff are readily contactable should academic and pastoral concerns arise.

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We also understand that many families in the coming weeks may be under severe strain. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally should that be the case.

Finally, I confirm that these arrangements are in place until the end of Term 1 or earlier if superseded by government determinations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via SEQTA or email principal@jwacs.wa.edu.au should you have any concerns.

With good wishes

Yours sincerely



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cc. The Revd Peter Laurence OAM, Chief Executive Officer, Anglican Schools Commission
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