



## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Carers

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE #2**

Further to my previous correspondence on Sunday 31 January, I write briefly to update you on the progress of recent days.

It really has been a team effort by everyone this week to maintain the smooth operation of the School. The business of the Administration, Finance, IT and Community Engagement and Marketing departments has continued seamlessly. The teaching and support staff have been actively preparing for both face-to-face and online teaching and learning next week. Our Year 11 and 12 students commenced online learning yesterday. Given such a short lead time, I am most appreciative of staff and student efforts to make this as smooth a transition as possible. The start of a school year is traditionally very busy for everyone and the staff are doing a sterling job.

It has been a priority to make newcomers feel a part of our community, so there has been contact with new families, students and staff to ensure that during this Lockdown phase they don't feel isolated. The student leaders are also caring for their peers. Some have reached out through words of encouragement, the Head Prefects have sent a video of encouragement to senior students and Chapel Prefect, Camellia Shwe has written a prayer. I am delighted by these initiatives.

Whilst our locale has fortunately not been impacted by the current fires, we do have staff who reside in fire affected areas. This has naturally been a source of concern. Fortunately, the staff and their families are safe and well at this time. Wollaston Care has commenced with meals available for members of our school community in hardship and need. Please do not hesitate to contact Coordinator Wendy Brinner, via [wollastoncare@jwacs.wa.edu.au](mailto:wollastoncare@jwacs.wa.edu.au), if we can be of assistance. Privacy is respected.

Whilst we await the Premier's announcement about schooling from Monday 8 February, I wish to inform you that we have taken the decision to cancel all co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and both Year 10 and 12 Parent Information Evenings next week. Key information will be conveyed online to Year 10 and 12 parents (date to be confirmed) by the Secondary Deans, Kylie Virgo and Kathryn Paul.

Please be assured that during this period of uncertainty we are keen to support all school families to ensure that our students make a positive start to the school year. Do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

I will provide greater clarity around next week following the Premier's announcement and the ASC Principals' meeting tomorrow.

I leave you with this timely prayer written by Chaplain Justine.

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## **A PRAYER OF FAITH IN UNCERTAIN TIMES**

Gracious Lord,  
Our strength and guide through challenging times.  
We trust that you will always be with us  
and nothing can separate us from your love.  
Give us faith and courage  
to face the uncertainties and hardships of the present moment.

We pray for those who suffer because of the pandemic,  
those who are sick and those who care for them;  
the isolated, the anxious and the grieving.  
We pray for our community in lockdown.  
Lord, grant us patience and grace  
to put the needs of others ahead of our own

We pray too for those who are facing bush fires,  
those whose lives and possessions are threatened;  
endangered homes, pets and wildlife.  
Lord, bless the firefighters and volunteers  
who selflessly rush to help them.

Lord, comfort and heal all who are in sorrow, need or trouble.  
Do not let us be overwhelmed by fear.  
Strengthen our faith in you, Lord,  
and turn our hearts and minds to the service of others.  
In this time of change and uncertainty, may we each discover in our own way  
the constant and eternal love of Christ.

**AMEN**

With good wishes.

Your sincerely



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PRINCIPAL**

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cc. Mr Julian Misso, Chair of School Council