



St Norbert
College

22 April 2020

Commencement of School for Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers

I preface this letter by acknowledging the wonderful support our College has received from all of you as we endeavour to navigate the ever-changing nature of the educational environment in the midst of this COVID-19 pandemic. I apologise for any inconvenience and confusion caused as we adjust our teaching and learning program following recent developments.

As you may be aware, Premier Mark McGowan announced Term Two arrangements for **public schools** in Western Australia on Friday 17 April. The following sets out the arrangements for Term Two at Saint Norbert College, as directed by Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA):

1. The health and safety of our students and staff remains our first priority
2. All students will continue to be provided with a quality Catholic education
3. Decisions regarding school education will continue to be informed by national and state-based health and education advice, and align with the National Principles for School Education.

The Premier has approved the allocation of **Tuesday 28 April** as an additional Professional Development Day for staff, so students are asked to remain at home.

When Term Two commences on Wednesday 29 April, Saint Norbert College teachers are only expected to deliver **one mode of learning** (at any one time dependent on year group) until Friday 22 May, with a review taking place on 18 May.

YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

- From **Wednesday 29 April**, students in **Years 11 and 12 are strongly encouraged to attend school** to resume their classes and engage in face-to-face learning with their teachers.
- Parents and carers are asked to contact our absentee email (absentee@norbert.wa.edu.au) if your child is **not** able to attend school due to individual circumstances. Please specify reason(s) where possible. This will allow us to ensure alternative learning arrangements are put in place. The relevant Deputy Principal may contact parents and carers to discuss further.

YEAR 7 – 10 STUDENTS

- From the start of Term Two, parents and carers with children in **Years 7 – 10 may choose to keep their children at home** to engage in remote/online learning using the SEQTA and TEAMS platforms. As has been the case since our College transitioned to flexible and remote learning in Term One, this approach particularly allows parents and carers who are engaged in essential services or are required to maintain employment to send their children to school if they are unable to care for them at home.
- Should parents and carers choose to send their children in Years 7 – 10 to school, these students will engage in the same **remote/online** mode of learning being provided to students learning from home. **Our College will provide appropriate supervision but not face-to-face teaching for students attending school in person.**

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STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL

The following are necessary to ensure appropriate plans are in place to comply with the Department of Health's physical distancing advice.

- The College will survey **Year 7-10 parents and carers** to determine if your child(ren) will be attending school. It also ensures the College is able to make appropriate arrangements for student supervision while ensuring teaching and learning continues.
- Medically compromised students are asked to remain at home until they receive a medical clearance to attend school. Online learning will be provided to these students.
- Parents and carers are not permitted on school property other than to drop off or pick up their children, at which time they must remain in their vehicle, unless specific arrangements have been made or attending the Uniform Shop.
- Parents collecting their children during school hours are to use the carpark immediately outside administration and are required to call the College Reception (9350 5433) on arrival for students to be permitted to leave the office. Please remain in your vehicle.
- Assemblies, excursions, interschool activities and school-based co-curricular activities will not recommence until advice is received from the Department of Health that it is safe to do so.
- The Café will remain open however, will follow the same arrangements as for the end of Term One. i.e. Students must pre-order their lunch prior to homeroom.
- The College Bus Services, through Horizons West, are temporarily suspended until further notice. We will continue to review this regularly and services will be resumed dependent on attendance and anticipated demand.
- ***Due to social distancing restrictions, students will not be allowed transit through St Joseph's Primary School grounds until further notice. Please stay on the pathway around Railway Parade and Treasure Road to our College entrance.***
- The Afterschool Homework Club in the Prémontré Library, is temporarily suspended until further notice.
- The College will continue to ensure that environmental cleaning practices are in place, with enhanced routines where necessary.
- Students are encouraged where possible, to bring their own hand sanitizer and personal water bottles, to have ready access. The College will also provide sanitizer where possible.
- Students will be required to continue with the hygiene practices put in place in Term One and will need to follow the physical distancing measures that are needed to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

I wish to reiterate that during this period, our staff will continue to ensure we best support our students' learning from home, as well as those students who may be at school. We acknowledge that it will be important to maintain regular contact between the school and parents and carers.

College Uniform

I hope that families appreciate that supply issues, social distancing requirements and uncertainty have impeded the process of acquiring winter uniforms. As such, the College is allowing the following options from which students are expected to present to the College;

- Full College winter uniform (Blazer optional), *OR*
- Summer uniform (jumper optional), *OR*
- Full College tracksuit or Physical Education uniform

All other uniform and grooming standards must apply.

The College will publish opportunities for purchasing of necessary items in the immediate future.

Pastoral Care

Our College Pastoral Care Team, which includes Heads of House, Deputy Principals and College Psychologist and Counsellor, will still be available for support during this period. Please encourage your child to continue to be connected to their friends and peers, whilst ensuring that you monitor their safe use of their online presence.

Please be assured while the College remains open, social distancing will be enforced, and cleaning regimes will continue to be completed to the highest possible standards to mitigate risks associated with the spread of the COVID-19 virus. I ask that you also have conversations with your child about the importance of these measures. **If your child is feeling unwell in any way, please keep them at home.**

COVID-19 is a changing situation, affecting many areas of our lives, and it is normal for all of us to feel anxious and worried, your child included.

Our teachers and other College staff are doing a wonderful job in providing pastoral support to students at this challenging time. It is important to remember that as parents, you can help your child process all the information they are receiving and the changes that are taking place around COVID-19. You can stay informed and provide factual, age appropriate information about COVID-19 that will help your child feel informed and empowered, rather than afraid. Everyone in the community has a part to play in helping control the spread of COVID-19.

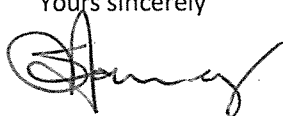
As communicated last week, I wish to reassure every parent and carer that the ongoing enrolment of every child in our school is guaranteed, regardless of a parent's financial circumstances.

If parents or carers have concerns in this regard, I encourage you to contact our College Finance Officer fees@norbert.wa.edu.au should you need to discuss your personal financial circumstances and the measures outlined in previous letters. We appreciate that this may feel uncomfortable for some but urge you to make contact. This will allow the College to provide support for you where possible and will assist our financial modelling going forward.

I will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available.

I would like to again acknowledge and thank parents, carers and families for their unwavering support of our valuable College staff as we flexibly navigate these challenging times.

Yours sincerely



Simon Harvey
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