



St Norbert  
College

## COVID Update – 29 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

St Norbert College along with all Catholic schools, continues to focus on the care and wellbeing of students, staff and families as we journey together to manage the risks of COVID-19 in our community.

As advised by the Premier, St Norbert College will continue to remain open for students of essential workers and those prepared to come to school. It remains the right and responsibility of the parent to decide whether their child attends school or not and as such, absentees due to parental choice will be regarded as an 'explained absence'. Parents are still required to inform us of the child's absence, with a College preference that the absentee email ([absentee@norbert.wa.edu.au](mailto:absentee@norbert.wa.edu.au)) is used for this purpose.

I would like to highlight the following decisions made in light of the restrictions and the current level of attendance;

### 1. Curriculum Delivery

We respect whatever decision parents make about their child's attendance, but please understand that our teachers will be delivering the curriculum by "one mode" of instruction which for Year 7-12 classes will be face-to-face. If parents choose to keep students home, lesson content can be accessed via SEQTA.

### 2. Assessments

Following consultation with Heads of Learning and teaching staff, all remaining **in-class assessments** for the final three days of Term Two have been cancelled. This is due to the fact that there are large and possibly increasing number of student absentees at the College, meaning the validity of any in-class assessments in these conditions cannot be guaranteed. Teaching staff will adjust assessment timetables to be shared with students and parents as soon as is practical. Out of class and 'take home' assessments are still to be submitted by their due dates, where these can be submitted online. As a result, the after school assessment catch up sessions are suspended until further notice.

### 3. PE Uniform

Given the congestion that occurs during Physical Education time, students in Years 7 – 10 have permission to wear their PE Uniform and College tracksuit to and from school on the days when they have a timetabled General Physical Education class for the remainder of this week. This also extends to the Sport and Recreation classes, but due to the unique nature of the Basketball uniform, students engaged in the Specialised Basketball classes must wear College uniform and get changed for those classes.

### 4. Co-curricular Activities

In line with recent advice, co-curricular activities have been cancelled for the remainder of this week. This includes, but is not limited to, the Breakfast Club before school and the After School Study Club in the Prémontré Library.

### 5. Parents and Visitors on Campus

Under the advice of the authorities, **we respectfully inform that parents and visitors are only allowed onto the College campus for dropping off or picking up their children and that meetings, interviews and other gatherings are temporarily suspended during the lockdown.**

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We remind all parents and visitors that the only means by which they are to enter our College is via Public Reception where the necessary contact tracing registers are placed. We ask that parents and visitors do not enter the College through any other entrances.

#### **6. Safety, Cleaning and Hygiene**

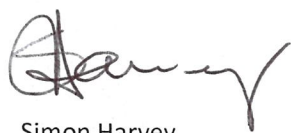
The health, wellbeing and safety of all students and staff remains our highest priority and the additional cleaning measures already in place will be sustained in the near future at least. College staff continue to encourage students to practice handwashing and cough-sneeze protocols. We continue to take the available opportunities to ask students to physical distance wherever practical. We request that parents speak to their children about these matters so that consistent messages are shared.

I take this opportunity to remind parents that should students be feeling unwell, I ask those students to stay away from school and heed the strong recommendation from the government health authorities to be tested for COVID-19.

We continue to be grateful for the support and assistance offered by our parents, carers and families during this time and hope that you remain in good health.

As a Christian community in the Norbertine tradition, we continue to offer our prayers and thoughts to those afflicted with COVID-19 and the workers dedicated to their care.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Harvey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Simon Harvey  
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