8 April 2022

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I hope this message finds all members of our College community safe and well. As we come to the end of Term one, I would like to sincerely thank our students, parents, families and staff for their unwavering support of College as we faced the challenges of this current time.

COVID UPDATE

In updating our community for this week, I can inform you that 28 positive cases have been reported to the College from 12.00pm Friday 1 April 2022, to 12.00pm Friday 8 April 2022. These positive cases and associated close contacts are now isolating as per WA Health requirements.

COVID-19 SELF-REPORTING FORM

Thank you to everyone who has made use of the new self-reporting form.

With the school holidays upcoming, I take this opportunity to remind parents of the need to use the Self- Reporting tool during the holidays so that accurate processes between our College, CEWA and WA Health are maintained.

As we have advertised previously, it is a requirement to record the COVID results at BOTH of the following locations.

- CEWA COVID-19 Self Reporting: https://cewa-collections.powerappsportals.com/COVID-19-Self-Reporting-Form/.
- WA HEALTH https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus/COVID19-testing/Rapid-Antigen-Test

EASING OF PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES – TERM 2

On 29 March, the Minister for Education, Sue Ellery, announced projected changes to operating guidelines for Term 2 with the focus on keeping schools open and safe. We will provide details specific to St Norbert College events and activities prior to the commencement of the new term.

- Year Level Homerooms
  The requirement to avoid mixing of year groups is still in place, so we will continue with year level homerooms for the start of Term 2 at least. Our culture and structures are built around vertical/mixed homerooms so we will revert back to this as soon as possible, but will start the term as we have finished with year level homerooms.
- Physical Education Uniform
  Physical distancing is essential so to avoid congestion in our change rooms, so as we have been doing, we will continue to allow the wearing of the Physical Education uniform on days when students have PE classes. This may extend longer than anticipated as we embark on the redevelopment of the Fr Peter O'Reilly Centre and change rooms, due for commencement in Term 2.

- Events

  Most would be aware that there may be some easing of restrictions on 26 April. Given this is the first day of Term 2, we are taking a conservative approach with a small amount of our larger activities, including our Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews scheduled for the very next day on Wednesday 27 April. Whilst we do understand that parents would like to meet with all of their children's teachers, we appreciate the support of parents in allowing the focus to rest only on our Year 11 and 12 students on this occasion. Mechanisms are in place for parents to communicate with teachers via other means for Year 7 – 10 students.

We are very optimistic though of a return to "near-normal" of events such as Interschool sport, St Norbert Day and other significant College events. More details will be shared as required.

The College will continue to monitor government directives, relevant health advice and information from Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) and WA Health to ensure that our College responds appropriately while ensuring the welfare and safety of everyone in our community. Further communication will be sent to families as required.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your ongoing support and as a Christian community in the Norbertine tradition, let us continue to be present and supportive of all members of our community.

On this special and sacred liturgical season, I pray for all in our College community, that the upcoming Easter break is a holy, happy and healthy one.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Harvey
PRINCIPAL