



# *St Munchin's Catholic School*

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22 April 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

Welcome back for Term 2. I trust you and your family are all well and enjoyed your holiday break.

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 St Munchin's arrangements for Term Two which reflects the guiding principles of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA):

1. The health and safety of our students and staff remain 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.

When Term Two commences on Wednesday 29 April, St Munchin's will provide one mode of learning until Friday 22 May, with a review taking place on 18 May.

Out of School Hours Care is open on Tuesday 28 April.

## **Kingergarten to Year 6 Students**

- From the start of Term Two, parents and caregivers **may choose to keep their children at home** to engage in flexible, remote learning, either online and/or via work packs. As has been the case since our school transitioned to flexible and remote learning in Term One, this approach particularly allows parents and caregivers 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 caregivers choose to send their children to school, these students will engage in the same mode of learning being provided to students learning from home. Our staff will provide appropriate supervision but not face-to-face teaching for students attending school in person.

## **Students Attending School**

- Parents and caregivers need to advise the school if your child will be attending school from Wednesday 29 April. If your child/ren will be attending school please inform via email to [admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au)

This is necessary to ensure appropriate plans are in place to comply with the Department of Health's physical distancing advice. It also ensures the school is able to make appropriate arrangements for student supervision while ensuring teaching and learning continues.



- Students who are unwell are asked to remain at home until they receive a medical clearance to attend school. Online learning and/or work packs will be provided to these students.
- Parents and caregivers are not permitted on school property other than to drop off or pick up their children, at which time they must not exit their vehicle. If parents and caregivers are walking their children to and from school, they should undertake their drop off or pick up at the specified locations.

To meet government regulations, there will be three drop off / pick up points from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April:

- Station 1: Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and siblings to be dropped off and collected from the front of the school hall.
- Station 2: Staff Car Park entrance (please do not pull into the driveway).
- Station 3: Kiss 'n' Drive in back car park.

**Parents and caregivers must not park or exit their vehicle. Students will be greeted by supervising staff from 8.15am, and for collection from 3.05pm.**

- 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 canteen will operate as usual on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- St Munchin's will continue to ensure that environmental cleaning practices are in place, with enhanced routines where necessary.
- 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 caregivers.

At this difficult time, I wish to reassure every parent and caregiver that the ongoing enrolment of every child in our school is guaranteed. I encourage parents seeking financial support arrangements to discuss one of the following options, which are immediately available to all families with children in Catholic schools.

- The Centrelink Health Care Card Discount Scheme provides an automatic fee concession to the holders of eligible means-tested family concession cards. **This discount applies to all year levels from Kindergarten to Year 6.** Additional financial considerations are also available depending on each family's circumstance.
- For parents and caregivers who do not qualify for the Health Care Card discount, but who are experiencing financial difficulties, arrangements can be made to provide immediate support to assist you with tuition costs.

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

Kind regards



Rob Romeo  
Principal