

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL BLUFF POINT

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21 April 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers of St Lawrence's Primary School

Welcome back to Term Two, 2020. Please be advised of the following changes that may impact your child/rens' learning for this term. The following points are designed to create a safe learning environment for all students and staff in Catholic Schools in accordance with recent Government Guidelines and following mandated Health & Safety protocols.

As you may be aware, Premier Mark McGowan announced Term Two arrangements for **public schools** in Western Australia on Friday 17 April. The following information sets out St Lawrence's Primary School 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 Lawrence's Primary School will provide one mode of learning until Friday 22 May, with a review taking place on 18 May.

KINDERGARTEN – 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. Schools will provide appropriate supervision but not face-to-face teaching for students attending school in person.
- Our Three Year Old Kindergarten Program will remain suspended for this term. Term two school fees will be credited.
- Remote – Learning Student Work Packs and Devices will be distributed from Fitzgerald Hall on Thursday April 30th – drive through service only. Times to be notified.

STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL

- Parents and caregivers need to advise the school if your child will be attending school from Wednesday 29 April. 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.

- Medically compromised students 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 three designated points.
- 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 be available to all students attending with a modified menu, however all orders for both recess and lunch will need to be made online via QuickCliq.
- The school 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.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL

- Kiss and Drop only: Parents are **NOT** allowed out of their car or on school grounds. Staff will be on duty at these points:
 - o Year 4 - 6 Students Railway St – Side Oval Bottom Gate
 - Drop off at 8:45 - 8:55 am & Pickup at 2:50 – 3:00pm
 - o Year 1 - 3 Students - Mary's Kiss and Drop
 - Drop off at 8:55 - 9:05am – UCA area entry & Pick up 3:00 - 3:10 pm
 - o K - PP Students Fitzgerald Hall Drive through only - collected and taken to class by staff on duty
 - Drop off at 9:05 – 9:15am & Pick up 3:10 – 3:20pm
 - o Wed Kindy Morning Group
 - Pick up at 11:15am pick up Fitzgerald Hall
 - o Wed Kindy Afternoon Group
 - Drop off at 12:30 – 12:40pm & Pick up 3:10 – 3:20pm at Fitzgerald Hall
 - o Students being walked to school must only use these three entry points at their nominated times.
 - o Parents needing to pick up or drop off children during school hours will need to park outside the school office on Chapman Rd and ring the school on 99682000. Children will either be dropped off or collected from your vehicle by a staff member.
- Arrangements for students before/after these times must be organised with OSHC Kids Hub. They will contact families individually.

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 12.** 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.

To assist in planning we ask that all parents complete ONE FORM PER CHILD by 4pm Friday 24 April via this link: [Click Here](#) to indicate whether your child will be attending school and if not, if you require a loan device or assistance with internet access.

Information for STLPS Remote Learning is available [Here](#)

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

Yours sincerely



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Principal