



*Life to the Full*

'I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE  
AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL.'  
(JOHN 10:10)

7 April 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

I write to inform you that Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) has advised that, in the Autumn Term, Catholic Schools will continue to operate in line with schools across Western Australia by delivering learning remotely. Classes will resume on Tuesday 28 April 2020.

Parents are encouraged to keep their children at home. As has been the case since the College transitioned to remote learning in Summer Term, parents who are engaged in essential services or are required to maintain employment may choose to send their children to school if they are unable to care for them at home.

Our staff will continue to work through the Autumn Term to ensure we can best support our students' learning from home, as well as those students who may be at school. Some staff may be working from home, or from the school, as appropriate.

As parents, you are playing an important hands-on role, assisting your children in engaging in learning at this time, as well as supporting them through any anxiety or worry they may be feeling. I would like to stress that parents are by no means expected to take the place of teachers, and we will be doing our very best to support you and your child, delivering the curriculum and providing pastoral care in the most engaging way possible remotely.

As we continue to partner to support your child's ongoing learning, we acknowledge that it will be important to maintain regular contact between the school and parents. I thank all parents who completed the recent survey, as your feedback has been valuable in reviewing and improving our Learning Continuity Plan. Updates to our Learning Continuity Plan will be communicated to parents in the coming days.

While we are initially planning for remote delivery of learning for the first four weeks of the Autumn Term, we are also considering the potential for this to be extended as required.

We remain committed to the care and wellbeing of our school and broader community, especially those most vulnerable who must remain our first priority. One aspect of this is considering the social and financial impact of this situation on many families.

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

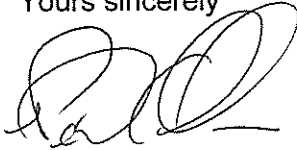
If parents or caregivers have concerns in this regard, I encourage you to contact, Mrs Jean Topliss, Business Manager, to confidentially discuss financial support arrangements. The following options are immediately available to all families with children in Catholic schools:

- 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 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.

Our College staff are grateful for the support and appreciation that so many parents have shared as we journey together through this challenging time.

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

Yours sincerely

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

Peter Collins  
Principal