



26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In line with Premier Mark McGowan's latest announcement regarding new learning arrangements in Western Australian government schools, parents with children in all Catholic schools in Western Australia should **keep their children at home from the close of school tomorrow (Friday 27 March)**, if at all possible.

This decision has been made to prioritise the health and wellbeing of the Western Australian community and is based on the best national medical advice.

All Catholic schools across the State have response plans which will now be enacted to provide for the continued delivery of education, with varying remote learning programs best suited to different school contexts.

St Mary's remote learning programme for students will begin on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April. Homework classes will not be offered next week.

### **School term changes**

The Premier has further announced that Term 1 for students will now conclude on Friday, 3 April.

### **Out of school hours and holiday care**

Where parents or caregivers are currently involved in health or essential services, out of school hours care currently available at Catholic schools will continue to be offered to students attending school until Thursday 9 April. Arrangements for the supervision of these children during the school holidays is still to be determined.

This is a difficult time for all in Western Australia and it is normal that your children may be feeling anxious or worried. Catholic Education Western Australia remains focused on the care and wellbeing of all students, staff and families and as a Catholic community, I encourage you to pray for the health of all in our communities, especially those who are more vulnerable.

Yours sincerely

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