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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 today (Thursday 26 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.

Students attending school

Schools will remain open during week 9 (30 March-3 April) to ensure that remote learning takes place, as well as to supervise children of parents currently working in **health or essential services**. Parents who are currently involved in health or essential services who require their child to attend school to be supervised in their remote learning will need to advise school Administration. We anticipate that families who have the capacity to cater for their children at home, will do so for the sake of our community.

Parents will not be required to contact their school if their child is remaining at home from Monday 30 March. Please inform the school before Monday 30 March, if you work in an essential service and intend to send your child to school.

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 Camp Australia will continue to be offered to students attending school until Thursday 9 April.



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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, we encourage you to pray for the health of all in our communities, especially those who are more vulnerable.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Stapleton

and

Jane Olsen

(Acting Principals)