



# St Mark's

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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to inform you of the arrangements for the start of Term 2 for all Anglican Schools Commission (ASC) schools.

Term 2 commences for all St Mark's students on Thursday 30 April.

I am very grateful for the way that our community supported the School's request, on 23 March, to keep children at home, if possible, and to support them in continuing their learning via our Distance Learning Plan.

**ASC schools will be taking a phased approach as we return towards normal operation in Term 2. For the first three weeks of term (to Friday 15 May), all students will continue learning via the Distance Learning Plan that was put in place for the final weeks of Term 1. During this time, parents can choose whether to send their children to learn on campus or have them remain at home. These arrangements ensure universal access to learning and allow parents to make the best choice for their family.**

Years 11 and 12 students are encouraged to return to school from the first day of Term 2, from 30 April.

The feedback provided by students, parents and staff in our survey of the original Distance Learning Plan was invaluable. The DLP has been adjusted accordingly, where possible, and we are confident in our Distance Learning Plan 2.0 continuing to meet the needs of students over the next three weeks. Those students who attend school may be supervised by their usual classroom teacher, depending on student numbers; however, students will still be engaged with the DLP for their learning.

To enable us to plan effectively for the number of students on campus at the start of Term 2, we ask parents/carers to inform the School by this Thursday 23 April if you intend for your child/children to resume on-campus learning from the first day of Term 2, 30 April, or if they will be learning from home. Please provide us with this information via this survey, accessible [HERE](#). The survey will close at 7.00pm on Thursday 23 April.

## Health and safety measures

For those students who return to learning on campus during this transitional 'phased return' period, there will be additional measures in place to ensure that the health and safety of students and staff remains the highest priority.

The following health and safety measures will be implemented:

- Learning areas will be reconfigured to apply social distancing where practical;
- Students will be encouraged to maintain a 1.5 metre social distance from other students and adults where practical;
- Additional hygiene measures will be implemented, including increased hand washing and the provision of hand sanitiser across the School campus;

- Extra cleaners will be employed for increased environmental cleaning of high touch surfaces including desks, rails and doorknobs throughout the school day;
- Playground equipment will be cleaned before and after each recess and lunch break;
- Water fountains will be closed – students attending School must bring a water bottle;
- The Cafeteria will be operating with increased safety and hygiene measures as well as strict social distancing. Students must order their food on Quickliq by 8.30am on the day the items are required – no other purchases are possible;
- All excursions, camps and sporting competitions remain on hold;
- All group activities beyond classes will not take place unless social distancing can be achieved;
- Visitors will not be admitted onto the School campus without the prior approval of the Principal;
- Parents and carers of K-12 students are not to enter the School campus beyond the carpark. Students should be dropped off and picked up at 'Kiss 'n Drive' locations around the School. Parents and carers should not exit their vehicles. Special arrangements will be in place for Early Learning students and these will be communicated in detail by the Head of Early Learning.

In acknowledgement that many families will not have had the chance to make purchases at our Uniform Shop in readiness for winter, appointments may be made for fittings and purchases, with priority given to families who are new to the School. The School's website will be updated this Friday with details of appointment times and how to make an appointment. Students in K-12 may, for the first three weeks of Term 2, wear **either** summer or winter uniform to school. Whichever one is chosen as we transition to the winter uniform, the full uniform should be worn. This is also true for the sport uniform. There should be no mixing of formal and sport uniforms.

The health and safety of students and staff remains our top priority. The first three weeks of term will be a transition period as we take a cautious approach towards the day when all students again are learning on our School campus. At the end of Week 3, the ASC and School will review the health and government advice and directives and update our School community on arrangements that will apply from Monday 18 May.

We continue to monitor the WA position in relation to COVID-19 and education. We are ready to adapt as the situation changes. Please be assured we will continue to keep you updated over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely



Steven Davies  
Principal