



St Mark's

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very much to those people who responded to our survey over the past couple of days, advising the School of your likely intention to have your children return to school or stay at home at the start of Term 2. Your contribution has allowed us to get quite a clear understanding of the number of students who may attend from Thursday next week.

St Mark's plan is for all students to commence Term 2 engaging with the Distance Learning Plan 2.0. There was a particularly strong response, however, to a return to school at the start of Term 2 from Kindergarten and Pre Primary students, and Year 11 and 12 students, it is likely that the mode of learning may switch quite quickly to face-to-face learning for students in those years. In other years across the School, Y1-10, the numbers of students who will attend and those who will remain at home at the start of Term 2 were much more balanced. In order to be inclusive of all students, the Distance Learning Plan will be in operation for those year groups. It is important to indicate that, should more and more students return to classrooms over the first three week period, we will seek to be agile and responsive to those increased attendance numbers.

Having submitted your intention for your children in the survey, you are not locked into that response. I understand that families may change their mind about attendance at different times as you monitor the success of the measures implemented by the WA and Australian Governments.

The School has been provided with health information from WA's Chief Health Officer, Dr Andy Robertson, regarding the return of students to school, and I thought it worth sharing with you. This document may be found [HERE](#).

Our Head of Teaching and Learning, Dr Deborah Netolicky, has published the Distance Learning Plan 2.0, adjusted in response to the feedback provided in another survey late last term, and it may be accessed [HERE](#).

Our Heads of School will communicate information more specific to their sub-Schools early next week regarding arrangements for resuming school and learning in Term 2.

As the school holidays come to an end, I hope that you have been able to have a break and enjoy time together as a family.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, recently spoke to the people of the Commonwealth and the world about COVID-19 and its consequences for us. She said "We should take comfort that while we have more to endure, better days will return. We will be with our friends again; we will be with our families again; we will meet again." I hope that you, too, are looking optimistically to a return to some sense of normality about our lives.

We are very much looking forward to seeing our students again soon. I hope you are well.

Yours sincerely

Steven Davies
Principal