



St Mark's

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Phase 3 Operating Guidelines for Western Australian Public Schools: Response by St Mark's – for Families

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Premier's recent announcement about Phase 3 restrictions in Western Australia, to commence on 6 June, the Department of Education has released more specific guidelines relating to schools. I have listed below the guidelines that relate to us and the way in which St Mark's will respond.

PARENTS/CARERS AND VISITORS

- Parents/carers and visitors may come on to school sites to attend pre-arranged meetings and for drop off and pick up purposes. This should be limited to a maximum of 100 people with physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres and good hygiene practices applied.

ELC parents are encouraged to continue with current drive through arrangements for drop off and pick up. Alternatively, parents can drop off or collect their children from **outside** the classroom doors. Please keep the time spent outside the classrooms to a minimum and be mindful of physical distancing from other adults. If a child or parent has difficulty separating at the classroom door it is recommended that drive through is used.

In the Junior School, parents are asked to continue with the current drop-off and pick-up arrangements and are asked not to gather in areas adjacent to classrooms either at the commencement or end of day. Additionally, parents are asked not to enter School buildings without a prearranged meeting.

- Pre-arranged parent/carer meetings can proceed, adhering to physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres and good hygiene practices.

When attending such meetings, parents/carers should sign in and out at Reception and complete the required COVID-19 clearance form. In the coming weeks, the ELC classroom teachers will communicate parent roster opportunities for parents to participate in supporting the learning programs within the classrooms.

- Visitors and third-party providers on school sites can occur when the school can ensure adherence to physical distancing requirements of one person per 2 square metres, enhanced cleaning of used areas and minimising contact with the broader school population.

Visitors should sign in and out at Reception and complete the required COVID-19 clearance form.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Canteens continue to provide takeaway service.

Online ordering only will continue for the remainder of Term 2. No food is available from the Cafeteria at Recess for the remainder of Term 2 to minimise contact with surfaces in the Cafeteria.

- Continue Library access in a managed way ensuring supervisors/staff maintain physical distancing with up to 100 people in a shared library space or up to 300 people where the facility includes multiple divided spaces.

Libraries are already in use at the School.

- Interschool activities with a total not exceeding 100 people for indoor settings and not exceeding 300 people in outdoor settings can occur. Encourage good hygiene practices including handwashing before and after lessons and physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres should apply where practicable.

Recommended guidelines for such activities will be followed.

- Contact sport and training is now permitted. Equipment may be shared; however, schools should ensure regular cleaning of equipment is undertaken and encourage good hygiene practices including handwashing before and after sport.

Recommended guidelines for such activities will be followed. Further discussions will occur with relevant sporting associations to ensure high levels of safety and hygiene are observed.

- Interschool sports can occur with a total not exceeding 100 people for indoor settings and not exceeding 300 people in outdoor settings.

Recommended guidelines for such activities will be followed. Further discussions will occur with relevant sporting associations to ensure high levels of safety and hygiene are observed.

- Camps can recommence, however should not exceed 100 people. Schools should follow excursion policies and AHPPC advice (including all current Residential Facility advice to ensure the camp provider can meet, and adheres to, AHPPC guidelines) to develop mitigations that lower the risk of transmission and promote good health, hygiene, and physical distancing. Schools must also ensure camp providers comply with WA COVID-19 Health guidelines. Please refer to the AHPPC Guidelines further information relating to camps.

St Mark's will continue to monitor Government and Health Department advice, and guidelines current at the time will be followed. Planning for camps scheduled for Semester 2 will be closely monitored, and a strict risk mitigation process will be in place.

- Work placements may continue. Schools should conduct work placement risk assessments and ensure employers comply with WA COVID-19 Health guidelines.

St Mark's students continue to attend work placements, where relevant to their studies.

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- Excursions can occur. However, they should not exceed 100 people for indoor settings and not exceed 300 people in outdoor settings. Supervisors/staff are to maintain physical distancing. Interaction with the general public should be limited where practicable.

Recommended guidelines for such activities will be followed.

- Assemblies and other school community events may recommence with total not exceeding 100 people for indoor settings and not exceeding 300 people in outdoor settings. Physical distancing and good hygiene practices should be applied. Careful consideration should be given to the arrival and departure of people, including entry and exit points to avoid crowding.

There will be no Assemblies in the ELC and Junior School for the remainder of Term 2, to be reviewed before the commencement of Term 3.

There will be no Assemblies in the secondary in the remainder of Term 2. Assemblies will be recorded for students to watch. The position will be reviewed for Term 3.

Chapel services in the Secondary School have been recorded during Term 2 for students to watch and this will continue. We are going to continue with online Chapel in the MS and SS for the rest of this term. The position will be reviewed for Term 3. Mobile Chapel will continue for the Junior School and ELC until the end of Term 2.

Chapel and Assemblies will be reviewed for the commencement of Term 3.

HEALTH, HYGIENE, AND CLEANING

Arrangements for Term 2 continue with regard to safety, to reduce direct contact, enhance personal hygiene practices, and sustain increased cleaning regimes in schools. This arrangement will continue for Phase 3 and be reviewed for Phase 4.

- Cleaning guidelines are based on, and continuously reviewed in line with, advice from the Department of Health.
- Increased cleaning will continue in Term 2, with cleaners present throughout the school day to undertake continuous cleaning regimes.
- Playgrounds are open and play equipment will be cleaned daily for the remainder of Term 2.
- Direct physical contact (handshakes, hugs, etc.) continues to be avoided. It is recognised that physical distancing rules for in the ELC are more lenient. This extends to rooms, corridors, and outdoor play areas. This applies to children interacting with other children, and also to adults providing care or interacting with children in this environment.
- Unwell staff or students should remain at home.
- Students and staff, and any visitors must maintain regular and thorough hand-washing.

MAXIMISING THE USE OF PHYSICAL SPACE

The School will maximise the use of indoor and outdoor spaces to physically distance students where practicable. This may include conducting lessons outdoors or in environments with enhanced ventilation.

NOTE: As per the WA COVID-19 Roadmap, all school activities will be reviewed in preparation for Phase 4.

Yours sincerely



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