

TO: All Parents
FROM: The Principal
SUBJECT: Commencement of Term 1, 2021
DATE: Friday, 5 February 2021

Dear Parents,

I am writing to advise that our school will open for the start of Term One next week. This is in response to Premier Mark McGowan's announcement last night and based on the assumption that the hard lockdown in the Perth, Peel and South West regions will be lifted at 6.00pm today, Friday 5 February.

While we are very happy and excited to be welcoming all our students (Years 4-12) back to school on Monday, 8 February, some restrictions will continue to apply to College operations until at least 12:01 am 14 February. These are outlined in more detail below.

The most important aspect of the continuing restrictions outlined for next week will be a requirement for all Staff members and all Students in Years 7 to 12 to wear a mask at school. The conditions around mask use will be explained in more detail to all students on Monday morning at respective commencement assemblies. Health Department directives indicate that there is no requirement for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to wear a mask, however, students in our Junior School may choose to if they wish. If any student is genuinely unable to wear a mask for a valid medical reason, parents are asked to contact Mr Julian Fritz, Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing by email at fritz.julian@trinty.wa.edu.au to discuss an alternative arrangement.

For parents of Secondary students, I respectfully request that you provide your son with an appropriate and proper fitting mask so that he is fully prepared for Monday. Any student that is unable to acquire their own mask will be asked to collect a mask from the 'white umbrella' outside the Trinity College Reception building. These will be available for collection from 7.45 am on Monday morning, and thereafter from Student Services throughout the week. Students will be required to wear their masks throughout the day and when travelling to and from school. Students will be directed to remove their masks for some practical subjects such as Physical Education and when seated to eat or drink at Recess and Lunch breaks. Students not complying with directions about the need to wear a mask will need to be collected by parents so that we can ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Parents on Campus:

Parents are requested to minimise their time on the College campus, particularly throughout this week. Ideally, this would only be for the purpose of drop off or pick up.

- Parents on campus must; wear a mask at all times, practice 1.5 metres physical distancing where practicable, and follow good personal hygiene practices

- Whilst acknowledging that the start of the school year can bring with it some anxieties for students, particularly those new to the College, once again, I would please ask that Parents seek to minimise their time on campus.

College Events this Week:

Health Department restrictions have meant some adjustments to planned College events throughout this week:

- College Community Mass scheduled for 7 February has been postponed
- Year 7 Parent Information Evening scheduled for 8 February has been postponed and will be included as part of the Year 7-12 Parent Information and Student Wellbeing Carousel Night on Monday, 15 February (more details will follow)
- Year 12 Parent Information Evening scheduled for 9 February has been postponed and will be included as part of the Year 7-12 Parent Information and Student Wellbeing Carousel Night on Monday, 15 February (more details will follow)
- College Assembly (Welcome, '97 Club and Prefect Investiture) will continue as scheduled for Tuesday, 9 February. Unfortunately, parent invitations to the Assembly and the Morning Tea have been withdrawn
- Junior School Opening Mass scheduled for 12 February has been postponed and will now take place on Friday, 19 February (more details will follow)
- Year 9 Father-Son River Walk scheduled for 12 February has been postponed and will now take place on Friday, 19 February (more details will follow).

PSA Sport:

Respective of Health Department directives, the PSA committee has approved the intention to resume PSA fixtures commencing this week. This will be subject to formal endorsement from respective Sporting Associations.

- Junior School fixtures (Years 5 & 6) will take place on Thursday, 11 February and training is scheduled as normal for Wednesday morning
- Middle School fixtures (Years 7-9) will take place on Friday, 12 February. Training for Year 7 boys is scheduled as part of timetabled classes on Wednesday. Training for Years 8 & 9 boys is scheduled as normal for Monday and Wednesday
- Senior School fixtures (Years 10-12) will take place on Saturday, 13 February. Training for Years 10-12 boys is scheduled as normal for Tuesday and Thursday
- Given the Health Department directives about restricted adult gatherings for this week, parents are requested to minimise their involvement as spectators.

I appreciate that parents and students will have many questions about the new arrangements and assure you that I will continue to provide information about new requirements as soon as this becomes available. If your child is particularly anxious about starting school, please contact Mr Martin Tucker (Junior School) or their respective Head of Year (Secondary School). It may be worth discussing with your son that all Staff and Secondary Students at Trinity College will be wearing masks – at least for next week.

Information about the Government's announcement is available on the wa.gov.au site. The latest health information is available through [WA Health Department](#).

Our school staff will continue to work closely with you to ensure that all children can be welcomed back to school on Monday, 8 February in a safe manner. Additional cleaning schedules and the provision of sanitiser in all classrooms and College facilities has been maintained for the commencement of the school year. Your son's health and wellbeing remains our first priority.

I am sure that you will join with me in praying that, despite these initial setbacks and restrictions, we can have a most successful start to the academic year. Similarly, we keep in mind those families adversely affected by the recent bushfires in the Perth region.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Mr Darren O'Neill
Principal