



## COVID-19 UPDATE 26 March 2020 – GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parents and Carers

This morning the WA Premier, The Hon Mark McGowan MLA and the Minister for Education, The Hon Sue Ellery MLC announced that whilst all public schools in WA will remain open until the end of term; ***families are now encouraged to keep their children at home if they have the capacity to do so.***

Whilst I do not have all the answers at this stage, I want to share with you what this will mean for the John Forrest Secondary College Community.

### Next week – Week 9 (Monday 30 March – Friday 3 April)

- All children who attend school will be taught as normal.

### Final week of Term – Week 10 (Monday 6 April – Thursday 9 April)

- Families are encouraged to keep children at home if they have the capacity to do so.
- Students who attend school will be supervised – but not taught.
- Teachers and education assistants will prepare teaching programs for Term 2.

### Term 2 (commencing Tuesday 28 April)

- At this point in time, arrangements for Term 2 have not yet been finalised. The State Government has stated that work is commencing on “developing a longer term education model for Term 2 and beyond”.

Our staff are continuing to work on various online delivery models; as well as similar work-book style learning programs for families with limited or no access to either internet or computers.

I anticipate receiving more information about these arrangements in the coming days and will provide details to you as soon as I can.

Once again, I thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation during a stressful time with so many unknowns.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and school staff at John Forrest Secondary College. Their efforts over recent weeks have been extraordinary and I am both proud and grateful to have such a great group of colleagues.

Yours sincerely

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