

5 February 2021



*To act justly, to love tenderly
and to walk humbly with
your God. Micah 6:8*

Dear Parents and Guardians

I am writing to advise that Bunbury Catholic College will open for the start of Term One on Monday 8 February. This is in response to Premier Mark McGowan's announcement last night that the hard lockdown in the Perth, Peel and South West regions will be lifted at 6.00pm today, Friday 5 February.

Bunbury Catholic College will return to the Phase 4 operational guidelines with no requirement for staff or students to wear masks at school and we are looking forward to seeing all Staff and Students back at school next week. Our original staggered start for Year 7, Year 12 and new students will not be occurring next week. Instead **ALL students from Year 7,8,9,10 11 and Year 12 will commence back at school on Monday 8 February**, as it is important that we engage our students in their teaching and learning programs as soon as possible given last week's delay.

We are extremely fortunate to be able to commence Term One with only minor restrictions. It is therefore important that all in our community continue to follow the COVID-19 requirements.

For your information, and to ensure a smooth start to the day, the following arrangements have been put in place.

- Year 7 Students are asked to arrive between 8.15 and 8.30am at the College Hall. They will be met by our Year 7 Head of Year, Mr Gerard Robertson and Year 7 Homeroom Teachers.
- New Year 8 to 11 Students are to arrive between 8.15 and 8.30am and will meet in our Administration Building where they will be met by our Deputy Principal, Mrs Deborah Garbutt.
- All other Students are to meet at their Homerooms (Homeroom lists will be available on the doors).

Due to our inability to travel to Perth for non-essential travel, our Year 11 Summit Camp scheduled for next week has unfortunately been postponed until a later date. We will keep parents and students informed with regards to new arrangements for when this important educational experience for our Year 11 Students will occur.

Our College Opening Mass has been re-scheduled and will take place on Monday 15 February at 8.50am, followed by our Opening Assembly at 10.30am. During this Assembly our Year 12 2020 High Achievers will be recognised along with our 2021 Year 10 to 12 Scholarship and MADALAH Scholarship recipients. Parents are warmly invited to attend.

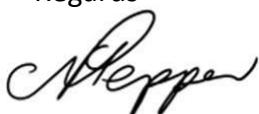
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There have also been a number of changes to our 2021 Calendar in the upcoming weeks. Our Calendar is available via our Website or by visiting the following link: [2021 Calendar](#)

I appreciate that parents and students may have questions regarding arrangements going forward. Please be assured that I will continue to provide information about the requirements as soon as it becomes available. Information about the Premier'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 families to ensure all students can be welcomed back to school on Monday, 8 February. Your children's safety and well-being remain our priority and I take this opportunity to wish you and your children all the very best for the commencement of the school year.

Regards



Michael Pepper
Principal