



Guildford Grammar School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Since my communication yesterday, at 12.00pm today we received confirmation from the WA Chief Health Officer, Dr Andy Robertson advising us that it is “safe for children to attend school.”

In his communication Dr Robertson states “with the very low levels of COVID-19 in Western Australia, along with wider public health strategies now in place, I strongly believe there is no need for school closures in this state currently.”

This is the health advice we have been waiting for to confirm our students can return to school in Term 2. We recognise that this is a shift from our plans announced yesterday but the advice we received today was unexpected.

We will commence Term 2 as follows:

- **Monday 27 April** – ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 28 April** – Professional Learning Day for Staff to support preparations for commencement of Term 2.
- **Wednesday 29 April** – All students Little Explorers to Year 12, whose families feel comfortable with sending their children to school may attend timetabled lessons

We are still waiting for a decision from the National Cabinet in relation to the safe opening of Boarding Schools. As soon as we have advice on this we will be in communication with Boarding Families.

In order for us to accurately prepare for the return of students we are asking that any parents who choose for their child/children to not attend to register [via this link](#) by 5.00pm Monday 27 April.

Students who are unable to attend on campus will also be supported through the School's learning platform ConnectED@GGS (including SeeSaw for our Preparatory School students).

Our teaching staff have prepared carefully to provide a quality learning experience for your child. I express my sincere gratitude to them for their flexibility and professionalism.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff has always been and is still our first priority. We will continue to make our School as safe as possible for everyone. This includes increasing cleaning schedules, making sure there are hygiene supplies for students and staff, not having large gatherings in the school community and keeping playgrounds closed. Sport and co-curricular activities remain suspended and we will continue to practice social distancing that is applicable to schools, taking advantage of our expansive campus.

We will consider adjustments within the daily timetable in response to feedback from our staff and students in the early stages of this return.

Students will be required to bring their own recess, lunch and water bottle as there will be no food provided for students at the School. This will be reviewed in the coming weeks. Students are expected to wear Summer or Winter Uniform for the first 3 weeks of Term 2. The Clothing Shop will resume operations from the commencement of Term 2.

Out of School Care will be available for Guildford Grammar School students from the commencement of Week 2, Monday 4 May, 2020.

At pick up and drop off, parents and guardians are not permitted to exit their vehicles. Students are to be dropped off at the allocated kiss and drop zones and walk to their classrooms.

If your child is feeling unwell or showing any signs of illness, including the common cold at any stage, please keep them at home. Any student presenting unwell will be assessed by the nursing staff and asked to be collected immediately.

More detail from the respective sub-schools will be emailed on Tuesday, including information about our bus services.

As I am sure you can imagine there are numerous logistical matters to consider in light of this change to our previous plans and, as always, we will keep you informed should circumstances change. Once again, thank you for your understanding and support in these ever-changing times.



Anne Dunstan
Principal

