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## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Term 3 Update

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Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the College has been guided by governmental and health advice, and has also adhered to stipulations published by the Department of Education. As we enter this next phase, we will continue to be guided in this manner, as we seek to make decisions that are in line with governmental requirements and guidelines in order to safeguard the health of our students and the community.

The College will continue to monitor closely any updates to requirements. While the state of Western Australia is well placed in terms of its COVID-19 response, ***the information below is subject to change, should the need arises.***

### Curriculum Update

During Term 2, curriculum delivery transitioned back to a face-to-face focus with all of our students attending school physically on campus; this focus will continue in Term 3.

As a reminder, our Semester 1 Reports from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be distributed at the end of Week 1 of Term 3 (Friday 24 July).

### Assemblies

With all internal restrictions lifted in Stage 5, College assemblies will be able to go ahead from next term. Year level classes will present combined assemblies. This way, all classes will have the opportunity to host an assembly and perform an item. The dates of class assemblies will be on our Term Planner.

### ELC Open Day

**The ELC Open Day**, which was postponed during Term 1, will now be held on **Saturday 1 August from 11.00am to 2.00pm**. The ELC Open Day is going to be lots of fun for toddlers and children in Kindergarten to Year 2 and their families. It will be an excellent opportunity to invite your family and friends with Primary School children, who don't already attend MBC, to experience our excellent school and register their children for future enrolment.

### Learning Journey

The College's annual Open Day Learning Journey will take on a specific, simpler Learning Journey (only) focus this year. All Primary classrooms will be open to College families with student work available to view. Our annual Book Fair will be running in the Primary School Library. The Senior School will be setting up an exhibition from all learning areas in the Theatre and Foyer of the College; and student businesses, including food stalls, will be running between the Primary and Senior School areas.

The College's Learning Journey is scheduled for the original date of **Wednesday 16 September, 5-8pm**.

## Excursions and Incursions

Excursions and incursions will be permitted and able to run from the commencement of Term 3. Any excursion or incursion, in addition to usual risk planning, will also involve a COVID-19 safety plan as part of their preparation.

## Parent Volunteers

Parents will be able to volunteer to help at College events and in their child's classroom. Parents will be able to enter classrooms when dropping off their child at the start of the day.

## Story Time and Play

Story Time and Play will resume on Week 2, every Wednesday in the Primary School Library. All preschool aged siblings of current families, or future enrolled students are welcome to attend with a carer.

## Other Events

**Kindy 2021 Orientation Program** will begin in Term 3. Details will be sent to all families with children enrolled to start Kindy in 2021

**Photo Day**, which was to take place in Term 2 originally, has been rescheduled to Wednesday 12 August.

**Intra and Inter School Sport** Interschool Cross Country for Years 4 – 6 will be held at Meadow Springs Oval, 29 July 2020.

**Inter School Basketball** for Year 5 and 6 students will be held at the MARC, 21 August 2020.

**Intra School Athletics** will be held on 25-26 August 2020. Field events will be held on 25 August and Track events will be held on 26 August.

**Inter School Carnival** will be held in Term 4.

**Father's Day Stall:** This P and F organised event will take place at school on 3 September 2020

Term Four events including **Christmas Concert, Graduation & Year 6 Camp** will be addressed closer to the actual events.

## In conclusion

Again we would love to acknowledge just how adaptable and resilient our students have been during this past term and a half. It is a credit to all of our students that they have navigated change so well, and continue to look forward to see the possibilities in the coming semester. In the same vein we thank all of our staff for their continued hard work and resourcefulness, care and creativity in continuing a great college program. Your work has been exemplary.

We look forward to welcoming our students back for Term 3 on **Wednesday 22 July**.

## SENIOR SCHOOL

### Term 3 Update

With the State Government announcing restrictions easing in Stage 4 of the COVID-19 recovery roadmap on Saturday 27 June, followed by further easing in Stage 5 (scheduled to commence on Saturday 17 July), the Senior School is able to consider a range of events for next term as we continue our transition back to more open operations.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the College has been guided by governmental and health advice, and has also adhered to stipulations published by the Department of Education. As we enter this next phase, we will continue to be guided in this manner, as we seek to make decisions that are in line with governmental requirements and guidelines in order to safeguard the health of our students and the community.

The College will continue to monitor closely any updates to requirements. While the state of Western Australia is well placed in terms of its COVID-19 response, **the information below is subject to change, should the need arises.**

### Curriculum Update

During Term 2, curriculum delivery transitioned back to a face-to-face focus with all of our students attending school physically on campus; this focus will continue in Term 3. Regular assessment policies will continue to apply in all year groups.

For our Year 9 students, the opportunity to sit the Year 9 OLN will commence in Week 4 (as a substitute for NAPLAN to attain the WACE Literacy and Numeracy standard), after an extension was granted by the SCSA. The Years 10 to 12 round of OLN will commence for students who are still required to sit, on the regularly scheduled time of Week 7 (and continue through until Week 10). More details in regards to this testing will be distributed to students and parents/guardians affected.

As a reminder, our **Semester 1 reports** for Years 7 to 12 will be released at the end of Week 1 of Term 3 (Friday 24 July) via SEQTA.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Due to earlier restrictions, our Parent Teacher Interview Evenings at both the start (for Upper School) and end (for Lower School) of Term 2 were cancelled. With the easing of restrictions we will be offering an opportunity for parents to connect with staff, prioritizing those that require contact and discussion. Specific information will be distributed for bookings prior to the date, but we are scheduling:

Week 3: Thursday 6 August 3.30-6.00pm - **Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews**

Week 4: Wednesday 12 August 3.30-6.00pm - **Year 7 Parent Teacher Interviews**

Week 5: Tuesday 18 August 3.30-6.00pm - **Years 8 to 9 Parent Teacher Interviews**

Week 6: Thursday 27 August 3.30-6.00pm - **Years 10 to 11 Parent Teacher Interviews**

### Assemblies

With all internal restrictions lifted in Stage 5, College assemblies will be able to go ahead from next term. It is likely that groups will begin to gather in year groups within the first couple of weeks of Term 3, and assemblies as a whole College will recommence in Week 3 with our Semester 1 Academic Awards Assembly. More details about this event will be published early in Term 3.

### Year Group Events

From Term 3, year groups will be able to gather all together at once again. This allows Heads of Year to begin planning events and activities that will involve the whole year group. These events may include gatherings during extended pastoral care time on a Wednesday morning, but may also include year group social events as the term progresses. All events planned would include COVID safe planning.

### Learning Journey

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The College's Learning Journey is scheduled for the original date of **16 September, 5-8pm.**

### Year 10 Course Selection Information Evening ('Future Directions – Lite')

Term 2 usually sees the annual Future Directions evening held, where university, training providers and industry, along with the College's Learning Areas, are available for consultation in relation to the possible

future directions that our students may take. While this year we will not be able to hold a widely-aimed expo, we will still be holding an evening targeted specifically at our Year 10 students and their parents as they embark upon the process of selecting courses for Year 11 in 2021.

On the evening of **Wednesday 29 July**, the Senior School will host a 'Future Directions-Lite' event, with a mini-expo involving stalls from each of our Learning Areas in regards to their course offerings for Year 11 in 2021. Following this, there will be a presentation for Year 10 students and parents in the Theatre in regards to course selection, Year 11 and 12 studies, the ATAR, vocational training options and post-school pathways. All Year 10 students and parents are encouraged to attend.

More details will be advertised to our Year 10 students and parents at the commencement of Term 3.

### Excursions and Incursions

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### Other Events

The college will run **MMADD** (Music Media Art Drama Design) and the **D&M** (Drama Music) Showcase, albeit on a slightly smaller level. More information will be provided closer to the date.

Intra School **Cross Country** and **Athletics Carnival** will run, although slightly differently. Cross Country trials have been running in class groups and we still aim to recognize our King and Queen of the Lake, and year group champions. The Athletics Carnival will run at the college over two days this year, allowing us to pivot at any stage around requirements. More information will be distributed closer to the event around both the carnival and spectator requirements.

**Father's Day** will run a little like last year (& our recent back to school event) in our carpark, with food delivered to the window.

We look to resume our **Parent Connect** meetings next term with an informal morning tea, so parents can commence visiting the college and gaining face to face contact with senior leaders.

Term Four events (**Thanksgiving Prize Night, Graduation & Year 8 Camp**) will be addressed closer to the actual events.

Our **Photo Day**, which was to take place in Term 2 originally, has been rescheduled to Wednesday 26 August.

**Year 10 Immunisations** will occur as planned in Week 1 on 23 July.

Year 8s will still engage with the **Illuminate Challenge** in Week 1 of Term 4, and the Year 10 students who participate in this program with Murdoch University will do so remotely.

### Uniforms

From the beginning of Term 3 we return to normal uniform rules i.e. students wear their winter uniform to and from school and change at school for Physical Education and sport-based classes.

### SEQTA Access

During the upcoming term break, the College is undertaking a change in administration database systems. As a result of this, there may be some interruptions to SEQTA access for parents and students at different times. We are hopeful, however, that these will be kept at a minimum.

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