



Dear Parents and Guardians,

### Parent Update – Premier’s Announcement

I would like to thank you for your support of the College Staff as we moved to an off campus learning mode this week and have appreciated all the positive feedback from both students and families alike. Our teaching staff have appreciated the acknowledgment, and they themselves are proud of the way our students have embraced this approach and the level of productivity in lessons. Special thanks to parents/guardians who have provided an environment for their children to work from home. Our Year 11 and 12 students have shown commitment and dedication to their studies. For the many younger members of our Primary School, we thank parents for supporting them in their learning.

Our LJBC off campus model of learning is online and taught by teachers. Please use the following tools which are there to assist you:

- Email or Direct Message teachers with questions.
- For support of technical issues please continue to connected with our IT staff through [support@ljbc.wa.edu.au](mailto:support@ljbc.wa.edu.au)
- For Primary matters please email at [Primary.Reception@ljbc.wa.edu.au](mailto:Primary.Reception@ljbc.wa.edu.au) or telephone 93007435.
- For Secondary matters please email [Student.Reception@ljbc.wa.edu.au](mailto:Student.Reception@ljbc.wa.edu.au) or telephone 93007444.

You may have heard the Premier’s announcement regarding the Government schools’ response to the spread of COVID-19. It was announced that the State Government encourages families to keep their children at home if they can access online resources to allow their education to continue from now until next Friday (3 April). The following week, starting April 6, will work differently with public school students to be kept at home, if possible on the days from 6 April through 9 April. While schools will be open for children of essential service personnel, these children will be supervised, and will not be taught but should access online resources.

LJBC has already moved to an off campus mode, as per my previous communication, with students off and on campus using the online mode as they have been doing since Wednesday this week. Children of parents who need their children to attend school to enable them to maintain employment, and those children in vulnerable families, such as children living with grandparents, are encouraged to continue to attend school up until the end of term on 9 April 2020.

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Arrangements for Term 2 will be communicated in due course which are dependent on Government directives, the good news is we are now placed to continue learning in an off campus mode if we need to.

We remain here as a support to our school community during this difficult time. We understand all families will be experiencing a range of challenges due to COVID-19. For those families under severe financial strain, please contact the College to discuss how we can best support you during this difficult time. Our Family Accounts Officer, Christine Bailey, can be contacted by email [christine.bailey@ljbc.wa.edu.au](mailto:christine.bailey@ljbc.wa.edu.au)

This global crisis has brought more uncertainty, fear and worry than many of our young people have experienced before in their lives, and yet our LJBC community has risen to meet the challenges set before them with great energy, effort and extraordinary resilience and humour. On both the student and parent portal, wellbeing links are available which may assist you over this time. Together, we will emerge from this stronger on the other side.

We pray that God will bless you all with safety and peace.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Sonneman-Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Sonneman-Smith

Acting Principal

27 March 2020