



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

TO: The Principal
All Schools

FROM: Dr Debra Sayce

SUBJECT: **SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018**

DATE: 17 November 2017

Catholic school term dates in 2018 will align with those of the Department of Education and both systems will provide six school development days during the year.

Please note that in 2018 Easter occurs during Term One. Catholic schools will be closed on Friday 30 March 2018, Monday 2 April 2018 and Tuesday 3 April 2018.

Start of School Year

The school year for all Catholic schools commences on a date in line with Government schools. The first pupil instruction day is Wednesday 31 January 2018. Teachers in Catholic schools commence Monday 29 January 2018.

End of School Year

The end of school year date for teachers is Friday 14 December 2018.

All students from Years 7-10 finish on Friday 7 December 2018. The academic program for students is to continue until the final day of student attendance. The five student free days from 10 to 14 December 2018 are to be used to complete educational and administrative tasks, including finalisation and dissemination of reports.

The end date for 2018 for students from Years K-6 cannot be confirmed at this time as we are currently in negotiations with the Independent Education Union to resolve a Teacher Workloads issue. Once those dates are confirmed I will promulgate them along with the Catholic School Term Dates 2018 Calendar.

Dates for the completion of the education program for Year 11 and Year 12 students will be disseminated once they are confirmed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority.

Professional Development Days

Catholic schools' professional development days will be taken as follows:

- Two professional development days to be taken at the beginning of the year on Monday 29 January and Tuesday 30 January 2018 (immediately before the first pupil instruction day on Wednesday 31 January 2018).



- Four flexible professional development days to be taken during the school year in accordance with staff requirements and school community consultation. Schools may choose when in the year these four flexible days are taken, and shall publish these dates on their school calendar by the end of 2017. Schools are required to align professional development days across their region where possible (i.e. primary schools and their local secondary school) in order to minimise the impact on families within the region.

Catholic Day

In recognition of the commitment to Church activities, Catholic schools have been granted one extra day's leave to be taken during the year and adjoining school term holidays or a weekend, published by the end of 2017. This day cannot be taken at the end of the year.

Boarding Schools

Boarding schools have the flexibility to send students home one day earlier at the end of terms one, two and three. Additionally, boarding schools may take an additional one day mid-term break in terms one, two and three.

Kimberley Schools

Desert and Town school students finish at the end of the year on the same day as other students (Friday 7 December 2018). Teachers in Desert schools will finish on Wednesday 12 December 2018. Teachers in Town schools will finish on Thursday 13 December 2018. For the purposes of term dates, Desert schools include Warmun, Red Hill and Gibb River.

School Term Dates Calendars

Schools must publish term dates for 2018 by the end of 2017.

Length of School Day

Any reduction or extension in the length of the school day can only be made with the approval of the Executive Director of Catholic Education.

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