



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

29 May 2020

Dear Colleagues

Further to the email dated Thursday 5 May, we are writing to advise of decisions that have been made with regard to Catholic Arts in 2020. These decisions have arisen from the recent survey of principals and will provide clarity and direction for planning at schools. It is our hope that you and your school communities will embrace the opportunities that are being offered within the constraints that we are all currently experiencing. In these unusual times the Catholic Arts, through the Angelico Exhibition and the Performing Arts Festival, have the opportunity to bring the joy of the arts to our students and school communities.

Please share the following information with relevant staff at your school and consider the opportunities for your students to participate.

ANGELICO ART EXHIBITION

- The physical Angelico Art Exhibition for both Primary and Secondary schools will not be held in 2020. In its place, a 3D virtual tour of each exhibition will be professionally produced and made available for schools to share with their communities.
- The Opening Night presentation will not be held in 2020.
- Artworks will be displayed at an appropriate venue with judging conducted as in previous years and prizes awarded. The venue for the presentation of awards will be determined at a later date.
- There will not be an opportunity for:
 - A Primary schools parents' viewing evening.
 - School group visits to the exhibitions.
- Closing dates for entries:
 - Primary 3 July 2020
 - Secondary 31 July 2020
- There will be no entry fees for 2020.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Subject to COVID-19 restrictions:

- There will not be an Opening Mass for the Festival in 2020. A Liturgy of the Word to celebrate the Catholic Arts has been scheduled to be held at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 17 September 2020.
- In the spirit of participation and celebration, Shield and Award Certificates will not be awarded this year.
- All Sections of the Festival will be offered, and each school is to assess their capacity for involvement.

- To facilitate planning and to provide consistency and clarity for both schools and Catholic Arts staff the decision has been made to only accept performances via **electronic recording**. This will remain the case, even in the event of changes to government regulations regarding gatherings and social distancing.
- It is acknowledged that there will be significant disparity in schools' capacity to record presentations and consideration will be afforded in all assessments and feedback.
- Direction and advice regarding recording techniques will be provided by the Catholic Arts Office in conjunction with the CEWA Marketing and Communications Team.
- Feedback rather than formal adjudication will be provided by adjudicators in 2020.
- The closing date for all entries is Monday 15 June 2020.
- There will be no entry fees for 2020.

CARNEVALE

- Carnevale will not be held in 2020.

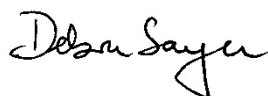
Flyers with specific information for both the Angelico Exhibitions and the Performing Arts Festival will be forwarded to schools in the next few days. Please direct any specific queries to the Catholic Arts Office staff:

Telephone: 9241 5241

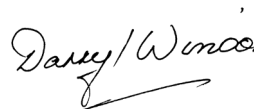
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This has been a year of great challenge for us all, however, Catholic Arts provides an opportunity to offer our students hope and joy within the Arts area. The staff at the Catholic Arts Office have been working creatively to find ways that allow us to celebrate the Arts in 2020 and thus continue the wonderful tradition of the past 30 years. We strongly encourage you and your schools to participate as fully as possible to ensure that the Catholic Arts (2020) are remembered as a beacon of our resilience and dedication to the wellbeing of our students and communities.

Yours sincerely



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