



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

**TO: All Principals
Archdiocese of Perth**

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

DATE: Monday 10 August, 2020

As per the directive sent by The Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth on 24 June 2020 the celebration of Confirmation remains temporarily suspended whilst Phase 4 of the Western Australian Government's COVID-19 roadmap remains in place. On Friday 7 August Premier McGowan announced that Phase 4 will remain in place until at least 29 August 2020.

Below is an excerpt from Archbishop Costelloe's directive:

Confirmations

- *The celebration of Confirmation (school-aged children) remains temporarily suspended, except for those in danger of death or when the baptism of an adult is celebrated. This temporary suspension will be reviewed ahead of the commencement of Phase 5 of the Western Australian Government's COVID-19 roadmap which is scheduled to commence on Saturday, 18 July 2020.*
- *Individual parishes may choose to celebrate the Rite of Initiation with RCIA Elect and candidates.*
- *Delegation for the individual celebration of Confirmation is to be requested from the Office of the Vicar General.*

Please continue to communicate with your local parish priest and parish sacramental team on matters relating to the celebration of Sacraments.