



CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
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**First day attendance rates at Catholic schools**

As Term Two began for 76,000 students in Catholic schools across Western Australia, teachers and students alike were excited to get teaching and learning underway.

Based on reported attendance rates from a large sample of CEWA's 163 schools and colleges, approximately 85 percent of Year 11 and 12 students were back in classrooms with the remaining 15 percent engaging with their teachers and classmates from home.

Approximately 42 percent of Catholic school students from Kindergarten to Year 6 physically attended school for the first day, with approximately 45 percent of students in Years 7 to 12 attending school in person.

Those students learning from home were being taught online or engaging in learning packs developed by their teachers.

CEWA Executive Director, Dr Debra Sayce, said it was great to see all students across the state back at school whether that was on campus or engaging in flexible and remote teaching and learning.

"While there is consensus that children do learn best at school, these preliminary figures from the first day of term affirm that Catholic school parents feel supported to make the choice that is right for their family, knowing that either way their child will continue to receive a quality Catholic education,"

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