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MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CLEARED TO OPEN FOR TERM TWO FOLLOWING CYCLONE SEROJA

As communities affected by the devastating Cyclone Seroja work together through the significant challenges they now face, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) is focused on clean-up and repair operations in the nine Catholic schools that have been impacted by the cyclone. A dedicated Critical Assessment Team (CAT) arrived in the Mid-West region on Tuesday morning to assess damage.

Most Catholic schools that were in the path of Cyclone Seroja have now been cleared to open for the start of Term 2.

These schools are:

- St Lawrence's Primary School – Bluff Point
- St Joseph's School – Moora
- St Francis Xavier Primary School – Geraldton
- Nagle Catholic College – Geraldton
- St John's School – Rangeway

Assessment of the following four Catholic schools has been undertaken. This includes further assessment of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Mullewa.

- Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre – Geraldton
- St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School – Carnarvon
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel School – Mullewa
- St Mary's School - Northampton

These schools will open once final safety clearances have been provided and services have been restored to affected schools. Members of these school communities will be advised by their schools and are encouraged to visit the CEWA website for the latest information.

CEWA is providing mental health and wellbeing support for staff and families who have been affected by Cyclone Seroja and will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.

Links to the support available are on the [CEWA website](#).

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