5 August 2021.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Very late this afternoon, Premier Daniel Andrews announced a snap lockdown of seven days from 8.00pm tonight. Unfortunately, this gives all residents in the state of Victoria very little time to get organised.

Marymede Catholic College will again continue to approach this situation in two ways: pastoral care for your child and learning for him/her.

As we have asked in the past, it is crucial that all students who can learn from home must learn from home during this period, with the exception of children of essential workers and students with a diagnosed disability who cannot learn from home due to vulnerability or family stress. I wish to stress that students who do not fall into either of these categories will not be accepted for on-site supervision and parents will be called to arrange for them to be collected.

Students in Years 4-12 who require their devices and materials for learning are able to enter onsite tomorrow between 8.45am-11.00am. Parents are not permitted to come on campus. Students must enter via the Main Reception gates and move quickly to their locker. Year 4 students collecting their device can do so from House 4.

The remote learning program will commence from 11.30am tomorrow with activities posted on Seesaw for students in P-6 to complete and online classes to commence in period 3 for students in 7-12.

I ask that if your child is well and you are eligible to send him or her to school, to please fill in the attendance form at https://forms.office.com/r/r45377KCD0 by 8.00pm tonight. It is important that we know who is on campus for the purpose of supervision and emergency management.

I ask parents of students who will be on-campus to accompany your child(ren) and enter the College via the Primary drop-off gate (near the Finance Office). Staff will be in close proximity to assess student health and sign the students in.

I also again please ask that our parents continue to support your child's teacher(s) during this time.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal