



From the Office of the Principal

16 August 2021.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At 12.30pm today, Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews announced that the current lockdown, which was due to be lifted at this Thursday 19 August, will be extended for a further two weeks, until 11.59pm on Thursday 2 September. Further to this, a night curfew will again be imposed from 9.00pm to 5.00am, which will come into effect from midnight tonight. Playgrounds, basketball hoops, skate parks and outdoor exercise equipment will also be closed from midnight tonight.

Marymede Catholic College is continuing 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 until the end of the school day on Thursday 2 September. As has been the case in past lockdowns, the only exceptions to students being allowed to attend campus during this extended period is for children of essential workers and students with a diagnosed disability who cannot learn from home due to vulnerability or family stress. Parents of students who are registered for on-campus attendance from Wednesday 18 August onwards are required to email your 'Permitted Worker Permit' for all adults in your home to Nicole-Lawrenson@marymede.vic.edu.au before your child attends oncampus. I wish to again stress that students who do not fall into either of these categories will not be accepted for onsite supervision and parents will be called to arrange for them to be collected.

The remote learning program will continue until the end of the school day on Thursday 2 September, with activities posted on Seesaw for students in P-6 to complete and online classes for students in Years 7-12.

The link to the online form for on-campus supervision for the period Friday 20 August to Friday 27 August will be emailed only to families with a child currently registered. Any families whose Permitted Worker status changes will need to contact the College to have the link emailed. 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 am appreciative that our parents are continuing to support your child's teacher(s) during this extended lockdown period.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Michael Kenny

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