



COVID-19 Update 21

2 August 2020

Dear Parents,

I am sure you know by now that the Premier has declared a 'State of Disaster' and has made decisions that will affect the attendance of Kinder and VCE/VCAL students at school. This is a quick email to let you know that while we don't know all the details yet, we have made decisions today about **the next 3 days of schooling**, and will keep you updated as more information comes to light.

What we do know:

Monday 3 August and Tuesday 4 August will be NORMAL DAYS at school for Kinder and VCE/VCAL students, and NORMAL DAYS of remote learning for students in Years Prep – 10.

This is different from Government schools, as it was announced today that they are having a Student Dree Day on Tuesday. Just to reiterate, Tuesday 4 August will be a normal day of learning for all our students.

REMOTE LEARNING returns for ALL Prep – Year 12 Students from Wednesday 5 August.

Only Children of Essential Services Families may attend from Wednesday 5 August. We will continue to have supervision for students from families where both parents work in essential services and cannot work at home. On Monday 3 August, The Premier will announce which industries will continue to be considered *essential* and which will be further restricted because of the Victorian COVID-19 response.

I will write to you again this week, when we know more about how government plans will affect your children's education.

Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time. Please pray that these new measures get this situation under control quickly. Please also pray for the staff, whose workload has increased enormously during this time, and please know that we are praying for you, as your workload and challenges may feel unbearable at this time. The next 6 weeks are going to be challenging but we will get through it as our nation did 101 years ago during the second wave of the Spanish Flu pandemic.

The Lord gives strength to His people; the Lord blesses His people with peace. Psalm 29:11

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Principal