

20 July 2021

Dear St Michael's College Community

As you would now be aware, the Premier has this morning announced a 7 day lockdown across South Australia, beginning at 6:00pm this evening. This lockdown includes all schools.

Following the announcement and subsequent CESA advice, I offer the following relating to the next seven days:

Closure

- **St Michael's is part of the seven day state-wide lockdown** designed as a circuit breaker for SAs recent COVID cluster.
- The primary and secondary campuses are essentially **closed from Wednesday 21 till Tuesday 27 July inclusive** and will only offer **supervised care onsite for children of essential workers or children who are deemed vulnerable**. A skeleton staff will be on site at each campus to provide this service.
- It would be appreciated if **secondary families requiring this service** could advise the College on pa@smc.sa.edu.au. Primary families will be advised separately of contact details. If as an essential worker, your child will be present on any of these days please bring them to the front office so that we can register their attendance.
- What happens for schools from **Wednesday next week** will be determined by the SA Government.

Teaching, Learning and Wellbeing

- **Wednesday 21 July will be an opportunity for staff to prepare for remote learning from Thursday 22 till Tuesday 27 July.**
- **From Thursday till Tuesday of next week, we will formally provide "remote learning" for R-12 students. Teachers will provide appropriate ongoing learning/tasks/resources/instructions and make them clearly available on SEQTA (or SEESAW R-2) for each subject.**
- **St Michael's will be providing a continuity of learning and connection, and students should be accessing SEQTA (and other tools used in specific classes), their emails and MS Teams for each subject as outlined by their teachers.**
- **The learning might take many forms dependent on student age, subject type, program stage, assessment completion, home environment etc. Students will be contacted by each of their teachers via email, message or video on SEQTA, or MS Teams meeting to clearly outline requirements and maintain a sense of connection and care at this strange time. For some, this will require being available to remotely access their class via MS Teams during their normal timetabled subject lesson time.**
- **Students have been advised to take home all resources required for remote learning.**
- **Students should contact their teachers if they are experiencing any technical or other issues.**
- **Education Continuity plans have previously been sent to families and students and will be redistributed shortly.**



Maintaining ongoing learning and connections are essential during these times and something that our staff, students and families have done particularly well during times of crises.

I would also like to reinforce a message from last year, that *“during times of great uncertainty, some common principles apply for those of us in education, regardless of our role, and include an ongoing focus on: **Safety, security, and belonging; Relationship building at the heart of student learning; Communication and transparency around decision-making; and Equity**”*.

This still applies, as does a commitment from all involved with St Michael’s College to be an **inclusive and respectful community where each individual is known, valued and cared for**.

The College leadership teams will continue to provide ongoing information as available.

I wish everyone all the best and ask that we continue to care and support each other at this time.

Regards

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Principal