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Dear St Michael's College Community

As we complete day three of our State lockdown and day two of remote learning, **I thank the staff, students and families of St Michael's College** for all you are doing to make our current experience successful. We are unaware of any shift in Government directions at this point and are therefore working on the assumption that schools, including **St Michael's, will remain closed for Monday and Tuesday** of next week. Of course we will advise of any changes should they occur.

The College will continue to offer onsite supervised care at both campuses next week for **children of essential workers, or children who are deemed vulnerable**. As per this week, it would be appreciated if secondary families requiring this service on Monday or Tuesday could advise the College on [pa@smc.sa.edu.au](mailto:pa@smc.sa.edu.au).

**Remote learning programs** will also continue to operate on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 July. The feedback from staff re **student engagement and attendance this week has been overwhelmingly positive** and the Deputies have acknowledged this with a communication to secondary students today. Students were also provided a number of reminders, including being: logged in to their **Pastoral Care MS Teams by 8:45 am to record attendance**; dressed in neat casual attire; based for lesson times in a suitable study space and; logged on and with their laptop charged. As outlined previously, our focus is to provide a **continuity of learning and connection** regardless of the current environment. Of course this **might take varied forms** dependent on a range of factors, including student age, subject type, program stage, assessment completion, number of lessons etc. Individual teachers are clearly in the best position to determine this and will provide ongoing instructions for each of their student groups. Whilst the **default source of information is SEQTA**, emails will also be utilised and **MS Teams will continue as the main mode of visual connection**.

Please note that **personal counselling support** is available throughout the lockdown and can be accessed through a request to any of your child's trusted staff adults, or Student Services email via [sarah.sokolovic@smc.sa.edu.au](mailto:sarah.sokolovic@smc.sa.edu.au). Additionally, students with IT issues can email our **IT support** team at any time on [itsupport@smc.sa.edu.au](mailto:itsupport@smc.sa.edu.au).

I am always grateful to be part of St Michael's College, but am particularly so at the moment. The current undertaking of remote learning is extensive and could not be achieved without the **strong partnership of staff, students and families**. It remains incredibly important that we continue to draw on the strength of our community, and show ongoing support and care for each other in every possible way.

Regards

**John Foley**  
Principal