

27 July 2021

Dear St Michael's College Community

As you are aware, this morning the Premier confirmed that the current state lockdown will be concluding at midnight. Importantly, this will mean that schools, including St Michael's College will be **returning to onsite learning as of tomorrow, Wednesday 28 July.**

Whilst we are coming out of lockdown, it must be acknowledged that **Level 4 restrictions** will apply. Some of these are similar in nature to those outlined in our community update last Tuesday, though there are some specific changes. As always, we will continue to follow the directions and guidelines of SA Health, the Government and CESA to ensure best outcomes for the St Michael's College community.

Please note the following specifics apply until further notice:

- **Onsite, face to face teaching and learning** will recommence tomorrow, Wednesday 28 July.
- Remote learning will not formally continue, however **some children might still be in quarantine** as a result of SA Health directions and will be supplied and supported with work and learning as far as practicably possible. This will generally be through SEQTA, email and MS Teams where appropriate.
- **Mask wearing** is a new requirement by SA Health that has been mentioned in the media. **Students in secondary schools/campuses will be required to wear masks** whilst indoors, whilst congregating and when on school buses and public transport. **This requirement does not apply to students at the Primary campus.**
Staff in Primary and Secondary schools will also be required to wear masks when they are not teaching or interacting with students. Some staff and students will be exempted from wearing masks for medical or other health conditions.
Students and adults should supply and carry their own masks and either cloth or surgical masks can be worn by adults and students. Whilst this is new for us in SA school settings, it has not been unusual interstate and will be something we will adapt to. Professor Spurrier's default 'rule of thumb' is simply "if you can wear a mask, wear a mask".
- **Large gatherings** and events will be modified, postponed or cancelled as appropriate. All camps, **excursions** and trips by students will be postponed or cancelled.
- All midweek competition and interschool **sport activities, including training** will be cancelled for the rest of this week. **St Michael's sports training** will recommence as normally scheduled from Monday 2 August. It is envisaged that interschool sport will recommence the following weekend, Saturday 7 August. Specific details will be provided as arrangements are formalised.



- Access to school sites should remain limited to staff, students and essential services wherever possible. **Parents** are encouraged not to enter classrooms or school buildings unless absolutely necessary. Again, masks will be required to be worn by all adults if on campus. All adults entering either campus **must also check-in** using the available **QR Code**.
- Families should remain abreast of and follow SA Health and Government **requirements relating to restrictions, exposure sites, testing and quarantine**. Also, as we are very used to, **students should not attend school if unwell**.
- Personal and College **hygiene management** will be a high priority and communicated in more detail to students and staff.

Considering the current state and national situation, we will remain **prepared for a variety of scenarios** should they eventuate. The **College Leadership Teams will continue to provide further information** on specific matters as able.

At the centre of Lasallian education sit the people and relationships that build a strong community. **Thank you again to staff, students and families** for the outstanding partnership and trust shown during the lockdown period, particularly with remote learning. This will remain important as we navigate the next phase of restrictions together, sometimes with more questions than answers. As we move back onsite tomorrow, our focus remains on providing our students with quality learning and wellbeing experiences, where they continue to flourish and are given the very best chance to fully realise their potential.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact the College as you require and thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards

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