

27 July 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers (Primary Community)



**Coronavirus (COVID-19):  
Communication Update Week 2 /Term 3**

Firstly, as part of the lifting of lockdown restrictions announced by the Honourable Steven Marshall MP - Premier of South Australia on Monday, 26 July 2021, we write to confirm the return to school date for the students and staff is tomorrow, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Following recent updates from Catholic Education South Australia and SA Health we ask the College Community to continue to work with us in partnership during this time for the health and wellbeing of all. Whilst this period has been difficult for students and families, we acknowledge the significant growth in the independence of our students, in particular those in early primary. We strongly encourage parents to continue with strategies that support their child/ren's ongoing growth and development. Below are specific considerations that support this partnership:

■ HEALTH & SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS	
<p><b>What if my child is unwell?</b></p> <p>(* Student Absentee line: # (08) 8150 2397</p>  <p>Primary Campus # (08) 8346 6548</p>	<p>■ <b>If your child is fit and well</b> Your child should return to school as per normal scheduling: 8.50am move to class. Winter uniform or PE uniform if designated day.</p> <p>■ <b>If your child is unwell</b> Please contact the student absentee line (*) as per normal procedures and specifically state that your child is "sick/unwell" and anticipated period of time for absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your child shows any sign of illness prior to school, please keep them at home (<i>note: this is a standard practice</i>).</li> </ul> <p>■ Some children may be in quarantine as a result of SA Health directions. The College will provide work and learning as far as practicably possible. Please advise the College if your child has been directed to quarantine or isolate.</p>
<p><b>Student Arrival &amp; Departure</b></p>	<p>■ <b>Arrival</b> Parents/Caregivers are asked to please avoid entering the school grounds when dropping off and collecting students, where possible. Please use the Kiss &amp; Drop on Hubbard Street.</p> <p>■ <b>Departure</b> At the end of the day, due to current space restrictions, class teachers will walk their students on to the oval. Parents may access the grounds to collect their child, however they must check in via the COVID-Safe QR code. Protective face masks are required to be worn by all adults when on campus.</p>

...../overleaf

	<p>During the school day and where possible, access to the school is limited to staff, students and essential services.</p>
<p><b>Essential Services</b></p> <p><b>Visitors &amp; Volunteers</b></p> <p>Primary Campus # (08) 8346 6548</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Essential services include professionals who support the learning and wellbeing of students and staff, and as such, allied health professionals will be allowed on site. It will be at the Principal's discretion as to what is deemed essential but will clearly be organisations that provide support for the student's health, wellbeing and learning.</li> <li>■ At this time visitors and volunteers are not permitted on site until further notice. However, should you need to enter the school grounds, please make your way to the Administration Centre and our Administration staff will assist you. Please adhere to the maximum capacity sign of people in our Administration Centre, according to current social distancing requirements. Visitors are required to check in via the COVID-Safe QR code and are to wear a protective face mask if they enter the Admin Centre.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Co-curricular Sport</b></p> <p><b>Music</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ SAPSASA and interschool sporting events, carnivals and trials to be postponed. Intraschool days can continue, providing attendance is limited to students and staff.</li> <li>■ Training within the school can continue.</li> <li>■ Physical Education lessons and sport can continue.</li> <li>■ Music tutors can continue with individual Music tuition.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Health &amp; Cleaning Initiatives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The College will continue with previously implemented health and cleaning initiatives.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Student Safety</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Working in Partnership</b> As part of our partnership with families the College would expect that families are following guidelines from SA Health, particularly in regard to travel, isolation, quarantining and social distancing.</li> <li>■ <b>Hygiene</b> Teachers will continue to remind students regularly about personal hygiene and social distancing and gathering practices. Teachers are ensuring regular hand hygiene is occurring, including: before class begins; before and after food; and after toilet breaks.  We have plentiful antibacterial hand sanitiser and antibacterial wipes and spray on site.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>School Equipment</b> School equipment including Physical Education and Lunchtime equipment will be disinfected following each use.</li> <li>■ <b>Play Supervision</b> Increased staff will be engaged in yard duty to supervise student activities to support social distancing.</li> <li>■ <b>Canteen</b> Lunch orders are to be placed via the Qkr! App. Social distancing procedures will remain in place at other times, such as recess.</li> </ul>
<b>STUDENT WELLBEING</b>	
<p><b>Social &amp; Emotional Wellbeing</b></p> <p>Students Counsellors: Ms Sally Fry e: <a href="mailto:sally.fry@smc.sa.sa.edu.au">sally.fry@smc.sa.sa.edu.au</a></p> <p>Ms Pat Pietsch e: <a href="mailto:pat.pietsch@smc.sa.sa.edu.au">pat.pietsch@smc.sa.sa.edu.au</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Wellbeing Concerns</b> Should you have any wellbeing concerns please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.  Student Services are available to assist at any time, please contact staff as required.</li> <li>■ <b>Lasallian Stars (Mid-Year Intake students)</b> For our new reception students and families we understand how difficult this stop start to school has been. Please be assured that your teacher will be attentive to the situation and if you have any questions please feel free to email them direct.</li> <li>■ <b>CyberSafety</b> With students likely spending greater amounts of time online whether for school, socialising, gaming or leisure, it is important that parents actively monitor students' online activities and safety.</li> </ul>
<b>TEACHING &amp; LEARNING</b>	
<p><b>Devices and Chargers</b></p> <p><b>Home Learning Packs (Early Primary - Rs &amp; 1s)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ All devices should be fully charged and ready for the school day. Students are asked to return the device charger, they received for home learning, to school.</li> <li>■ Reception and Year 1 students are required to return 'Home Learning Packs', iPads and chargers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Excursions/ Incursions/Camps</b></p> <p><b>Assemblies and Masses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Excursions, Incursions and Camps will be postponed for the time being, ie for the next week. Further details will be provided at a later date.</li> </ul> <p>These events will be postponed until further notice.</p>

■ GENERAL COMMUNICATION & ADVICE	
<b>Communications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Please refer College and Campus specific information at the COVID-19 Community Updates portal on SEQTA.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Contact</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Parents are encouraged to contact staff via phone or email at this point in time.</li> </ul>
<b>Extend (Before and After School Care)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Before and After School Care will return as normal from Wednesday, 28 July. Please ensure you have registered and/or completed the online booking platform at <a href="https://lookedafter.com/SMC">Lookedafter.com/SMC</a></li> </ul>
<b>Short Term School Closure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ In the event a case of COVID-19 is diagnosed within our school, we will communicate this to our school community immediately. Our short term closure plan will be implemented as previously communicated. Please refer to the Primary Parent Portal or the COVID-19 Community Updates portal (Primary) for the detailed information about the Education Continuity Plan (on-line learning).</li> <li>■ Communications from Teachers will be sent via SeeSaw (LS, R-2) and Microsoft Teams (3-6).</li> </ul>

Once again, the College is very appreciative of the support we have received from our families throughout the term and look forward to continuing a positive start to Term 3. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the Primary Leadership Team, Mrs Joanne Gilmore (Director Teaching & Learning), Mr Damian McNamara (Director Student Wellbeing & Administration) or myself should you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards



**Damian Patton**

Deputy Principal - Primary