

28 July 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Extension to Lockdown Announcement

For the Whole of Their Life

Thank you so much for all your support during this time of lockdown. We appreciate the difficulties that you are experiencing with the juggle of your own work commitments and trying to support your children at home with their online learning. Our teachers are doing an incredible job of ensuring that the learning continues and that school can provide a level of stability and normality during this time of great uncertainty.

I am writing today to let you know that the lockdown has been extended for the Greater Sydney region. The Premier today has announced that we will not be out of lockdown until 28 August. With this in mind, we can now plan what this time will look like for our staff and students. We will be in touch with you very soon regarding more specific details.

The Premier has also announced a change of arrangements for our Year Twelve students. They will be allowed to return to school, face-to-face, earlier than other students. This will be from Monday 16 August. The Government is still working through what this will look like for the Year Twelve students as they will need to return under strict COVID-safe protocols. This is the week that has been planned for the commencement of this year's HSC Trial Examinations. Given this recent development we will be in touch with Year Twelve students, and their parents, as soon as we have more specific details from the Government. Until that time, students should continue to prepare for their HSC Trial Examinations which are scheduled in the school calendar at this time.

In the meantime, in response to the Premier's request to minimise mobility, we would ask that if you are able to work from home and keep your child with you, that you would please do so. We want to care for our community, including our staff and their own circumstances too, and would appreciate your support in this regard. These are challenging times for all of us and given that there are now cases of COVID-19 on the Coast we want to minimise risk and exposure for all. For those students that need to attend, we will continue to help protect them by providing them with hand sanitiser and reminding them of things like coughing into their elbow etc. We would ask that if your child is displaying any flu-like symptoms that they do not come to school and that they are tested for COVID-19 and remain at home until all symptoms have gone and the negative test result is returned.

A quick general note about our roll call and text messages. Parents in Year Five to Year Twelve will receive a text message of absence if their child has not attended their first lesson of the day which is their Pastoral Care class. Please encourage your child to be up in time for the first lesson of the day (Pastoral Care) and to be organised and ready to learn for the day like a regular school day.

We thank you for your support during these challenging times. If you or your child has any concerns regarding the online learning arrangements, please do not hesitate to connect with your child's Pastoral Care Teacher, and a reminder if you have missed any of the online learning resources to please explore the school's MYSPCC page for all our supporting documentation.

We will get through this. Please continue to be kind, generous and caring to each other during this time and remember to hand it all over to God in prayer.

Blessings,

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