



12th February, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Re: School Closure Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th February

In light of today's announcement from the Victorian Premier, the College will be closed from Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th February. The state is going into stage four lockdown from tonight, and all staff and students must remain at home until the College reopens. Stage four restrictions are documented on the DHHS website.

The College may be accessed by vulnerable students next Tuesday and Wednesday only. Vulnerable students, as defined below, are permitted to attend the College where they will be supervised to complete independent study.

Vulnerable students include:

- Children in out of home care;
- Children deemed by Child Protection and / or Family Services to be at risk;
- Any child with a disability.

To allow vulnerable students to access the College on Tuesday and Wednesday; the SMOTA Bus System and Government Bus System will operate as normal throughout the closure period.

HOMEROOM ATTENDANCE:

Students from all year levels will not need to attend on-line Homeroom during the closure period.

MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY:

Students should use this day as a planning day in preparation for online studies. Students should use this time to connect with family, exercise, and complete any outstanding homework.

TUESDAY 16TH AND WEDNESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY:

Year 7:

Students will be provided with class activities in Maths and English/Integrated Studies. These tasks will be shared via Google Classroom or SIMON.

Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12:

Classes will operate as per the normal school timetable. Teachers will make class activities available to students via Google Classroom, Google Meet and SIMON.

Teachers will be available to assist students of all Year Levels via College email or their Google Classroom at regular timetabled lesson times.

WELLBEING AND SUPPORT:

At this time, it is important to take care of each other and to ensure we are well. Exercise and physical activity are extremely important; eat well and get plenty of sleep. Here are some ideas/resources you may like to access to look after yourself during this time. SMOTA Iso Wellbeing Activities can be found at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/h8SGDQ49dFCFb/>

The current Coronavirus situation is rapidly changing, and we will communicate any further changes as they develop.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kind regards,

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