



27th May, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

**Re: School Closure - Friday 28th May to Thursday 3rd June**

In light of today's announcement from the Acting Victorian Premier, the College will be closed from Friday 28th May to Thursday 3rd June, to be back on-site on Friday 4th June. The state is going into a circuit breaker lockdown from 11:59pm tonight, and all staff and students must remain at home until the College reopens. If you require further information please consult the DHHS website.

The College may be accessed by vulnerable students and students of authorised workers from Friday 28th May. 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 and children of authorised works to access the College from Friday 28th May, the SMOTA Bus System will operate on a needs basis. If you require the College bus system, please contact the College office ASAP and no later than 3.00 pm today, Thursday 27th May. Nathalia Bus Lines will operate as normal throughout the lockdown period.

**ONLINE ATTENDANCE:**

Student attendance will be monitored by individual teachers via classroom participation; there will be no homeroom sign in during this lockdown period. Student notices will be available on the SIMON platform for perusal.

**FRIDAY 28th MAY to THURSDAY 3rd JUNE:**

**Year 7, 8, 9 & 10:**

Students in Year 7-10 should use Friday 28th May as a planning day in preparation for online studies. Students should use this time to complete outstanding work, undertake physical activity, and prepare their learning space for the week ahead.

From Monday 31st May, students will follow their regular timetable and be provided with class activities in all subject areas. These tasks will be shared via Google Classroom, SIMON or College email.

**Years 11 and 12:**

Year 11 & 12 classes will operate as per the normal school timetable, beginning Friday 28th May. Teachers will make class activities available to students via Google Classroom, Google Meet, SIMON or College email.

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

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**STRUCTURED WORK PLACEMENT, WORK EXPERIENCE, SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS & VET:**

Please note that structured work placement, work experience, school based traineeships and VET will not be running Friday 28th May to Thursday 3rd June. If you have any questions about these programs, please contact Mr Barry Norton (bn@smotanathalia.catholic.edu.au).

**COLLEGE PRODUCTION:**

The College Production 'High School Musical' is excited to hold their Opening Night (Thursday 27th May) with an audience at 7:00pm tonight. Unfortunately, the scheduled Friday and Saturday performances will be cancelled. Further communication with more specific information in regard to ticket refunds will be forwarded when time permits.

**YEAR 10 & 11 INTERNAL EXAMS:**

We anticipate that Year 10 and Year 11 internal semester exams will commence on Monday 7th June. This decision values the learning experience that these exams provide, and the feedback provided to students about their learning progression. The exam timetable and further information will be shared via the College Newsletter and SIMON notices.

**COLLEGE RECONCILIATION MASS:**

Unfortunately, due to the lockdown, our College Reconciliation Mass will not take place on Thursday 3rd June. Further information will be forthcoming in regards to how we will mark National Reconciliation Week 2021.

**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/Cofb9QA2A6jz8/>

The current Coronavirus situation is rapidly changing, and we will communicate any further changes as they develop. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

With Peace and Goodwill,



**Matt Carver**  
Principal

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