



16th July, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

**Re: School Closure Friday 16th July to Tuesday 20th July**

In light of yesterday's announcement from the Victorian Premier, the College will be closed from Friday 16th July to Tuesday 20th July. The College will reopen to all staff and students on Wednesday 21st July. If you require further information regarding the lockdown please consult the DHHS website.

The College may be accessed by vulnerable students and students of authorised workers from Monday 19th July. 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 workers to access the College from Monday 19th July, 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 1.00 pm today, Friday 16th July. Nathalia Bus Lines will operate as normal throughout the lockdown period.

**Friday 16th July:**

All students should use Friday 16th July as a planning day in preparation for online studies. Students should use this time to complete outstanding work, revise work just undertaken, undertake physical activity, and prepare their learning space for next week. In particular, I strongly encourage senior students to use this time effectively and proactively.

**Monday 19th July & Tuesday 20th July:**

**The day will begin with homeroom at 8.50 am.** Year Level Team leaders will provide information to students on the format of homeroom. Following homeroom, all classes, Year 7 to 12 will operate as per the **normal school timetable**, completing each class in the virtual space. Teachers will make class activities and tasks 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. It is expected that students are prepared and ready for learning on Monday morning. It is also expected that the work presented by teachers is completed.

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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 may be impacted by the lockdown. If you have any questions about these programs, please contact our Careers and Pathways Team:

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## **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 COVID-19 situation is rapidly changing, and we will communicate any further changes as they develop. I have no doubt we will continue to be restricted beyond the lock down period thus upcoming College events such as sport and excursions may be impacted. We will communicate these changes to those impacted as the information comes to hand.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Keep well, keep safe and get vaccinated if eligible.

With Peace and Goodwill,



**Matt Carver**  
**Principal**