



2nd September 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Re: Extension of School Closure to Friday 17th September

Following the announcement from the Victorian Premier of the extension to lockdown restrictions, the College will continue to be closed to face-to-face learning for the remainder of Term 3, pending further health advice. If you require further information regarding the lockdown please consult the DH website.

The College may continue to be accessed by vulnerable students and students of authorised workers where they will be supervised to complete independent study.

CHILDREN OF AUTHORISED WORKERS:

Children where both parents and/or carers are considered authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an authorised provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made, are permitted to attend the College. An authorised worker permit is now required for parents in regional Victoria requesting on-site supervision for their child/ren.

VULNERABLE STUDENTS:

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, parents/carers must contact the College Office no later than 1.00 pm the day prior to attendance to confirm eligibility and any bus travel requirements.

THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER:

Classes will not run on Thursday 9th September as we invite parents and carers to participate in Learning Advisor and subject interviews. These interviews may be booked via PAM and will be held online using the Whereby video conferencing platform.

Thursday 9th September Learning Advisor Interviews (no classes on this day)

2.00 pm - 4.30 pm & 5.30 pm - 8.00 pm

While classes will not be running, and additional work will not be provided, Thursday may be an opportune time for students to catch up on any class work that they still need to complete in order to ensure that their learning continues to progress.

The College will be open to vulnerable students on this day for supervision only. Please contact the College Office should you require your child/children to attend the College on Thursday 9th September.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Year 10, 2022:

An online Q&A for Year 9 students and their parents/carers will be held on Thursday 9th September 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm in regard to pathway options and subject selections for Year 10 in 2022.

Year 12, 2021:

Information regarding the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) application process and end of year arrangements for current Year 12 students will be provided to students and parents. An online **Q&A will be held on Wednesday 15th September 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm**. Further information and details will be shared with students and parents.

General Achievement Task (GAT):

The GAT for all students completing a Unit 3&4 VCE subject will now be held on **Tuesday 5th October 10.00 am - 1.15 pm**. Further information regarding public health requirements will be provided as it becomes available.

Wellbeing, Self-Care and Support:

As the lockdown continues, we recommend that our community considers their health and wellbeing by taking regular screen breaks, eating and drinking well, and partaking in some daily exercise. When completing set tasks, students should continue to be both **Purposeful** when completing the work, as well as considering their own and others' **Safety** at all times.

SMOTA Iso Wellbeing Activities can be found at <https://spark.adobe.com/page/Cofb9QA2A6jz8/>.

Keep well, keep safe and get vaccinated if eligible.

With Peace and Goodwill,



Matt Carver

St Mary of the Angels' Principal