



Thursday 15 July 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This evening's announcement by the Victorian Government has come quite quickly and highlights the challenges that Covid-19 continues to pose for schools, families and the community at large.

With the announcement of a snap lockdown, onsite learning and teaching at Sacred Heart College is not possible until Wednesday 21st July 2021 and we will return to Remote Schooling arrangements next week.

At this stage, we have not made any plans if the lockdown is extended beyond five days but will monitor that closely and communicate with students and families if necessary.

A summary of these arrangements is included below:

- Year 7 – 12 classes will run from tomorrow until Wednesday 21 July under our existing Remote Schooling guidelines.
- All classes across Year 7 - 12 will include a starting Zoom or equivalent 'touching base' to mark the roll and check that all students are okay.
- Work will be placed on Google Classrooms for all students.
- As was the case last year, Years 7 – 10 classes will run for 60 minutes with Year 11 – 12 classes running to a normal timetable.
- Where possible, scheduled assessments will be delayed under face-to-face schooling returns.

Remote Learning Handbook

Updated Remote Learning Handbooks will be emailed to parents and students as soon as possible and will also be available via SIMON and the PAM portal.

College Activities and Excursions

All activities and excursions scheduled during this period of remote schooling will be rescheduled or cancelled.

Wellbeing

The arrangements that were in place to support the wellbeing of students during remote schooling last year will return. Homeroom teachers, Year Level Leaders and the College's Wellbeing team will remain the 'go to' supports for parents and families.

Onsite Supervision

The College will provide onsite supervision for students of essential workers where no other supervision arrangements are possible. Supervision arrangements will be similar to what was provided during previous lockdowns. Full details on the College's onsite supervision arrangements are included on the College website (www.shckyneton.catholic.edu.au) under Coronanvirus information.

Collection of Materials

Students who were absent from the College today or who may have left materials in their lockers will be able to collect these from the College tomorrow morning. Please ring College Reception on arrival and you will escorted while onsite.

I wish everyone in the Sacred Heart College community all the very best for the next few days and look forward to welcoming students back onsite on Wednesday morning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Egberts', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dr Darren Egberts
PRINCIPAL