



Friday 6 August 2021

### **Lockdown 6 – Remote Schooling Arrangements**

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

This letter follows up my correspondence last evening and outlines arrangements that we have put in place for next week's period of remote schooling (with students due currently to return onsite on Friday 13 August 2021).

Thank you in anticipation for the work you do in supporting your daughters and sons with their remote learning. I understand how challenging this can be with my own children but hope that the additional family time offers some benefits alongside the trials.

A summary of the arrangements for next week:

- Remote learning will return to the arrangements that have been in place for recent lockdowns with Year 7 – 10 classes operating for an hour and commencing with a short Zoom instruction from their teacher.
- Year 11 & 12 classes will operate as normal with teachers negotiating with students as needed. In general, these classes will also commence with a short Zoom instructional session.
- Where possible, assessments will be postponed until students' return to onsite learning.
- Students who need to collect materials or devices from Sacred Heart are encouraged to do so on Monday morning. Please phone through to Reception on arrival at the High St gates.
- Updated Parent and Student Remote Learning Handbooks will be distributed later today. These are also available via the PAM module – Coronavirus Information.
- All excursions and internal/external cocurricular activities planned for next week have been postponed or cancelled.
- Any Workplace Learning or Work Experience placements are not permitted until at least next Friday.

### **Onsite Supervision**

There will be limited onsite supervision of students available next week. This option is one of last resort with students onsite simply completing normal Zoom classes at school. No additional teaching support is available.

Onsite supervision is only available in specific situations:

- a) Where home learning is not possible as both parents are essential workers as defined by the State Government
- b) Where remote learning is not possible because of ongoing lack of internet access
- c) Where students have an acknowledged disability and appropriate learning is not possible at home

Full details on onsite supervision arrangements are included in an accompanying document with parents required to submit a formal request for onsite supervision at least one day in advance.

### **IT Support**

If there are families who have issues with internet coverage please contact the College or the relevant Year Level Leader. Sacred Heart College has a limited number of wireless dongles that can be provided to families. Other issues with devices should be managed according to the process outlined in the Remote Learning Handbook.

### **General Achievement Test (GAT)**

The College is awaiting confirmation of new arrangements for the General Achievement Test (GAT) which was scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. We will let students and families know when new arrangements are announced.

### **Subject Selection**

This important process is still happening for students throughout lockdown. The changes that were made last year allow most aspects to continue online with additional Zoom meetings between students and staff where needed.

Where a Zoom subject selection interview can only occur one-on-one between a student and teacher, the staff member is required to record that meeting due to Child Safe requirements.

### **Year 10 Ski Camp**

Notwithstanding the current lockdown, preparations are continuing for Year 10 students and staff ahead of the Ski Camp (scheduled for Monday 23 – Friday 27 August). Parents will shortly receive an Operoo for Covid testing on Friday 20 August. Obviously, if Government restrictions or other circumstances change in the next week, we will communicate these changes as soon as possible.

Yours in Mercy,



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