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**To:** Chevalier All Staff <ChevAllStaff@chevalier.nsw.edu.au>

**Subject:** Letter from the Principal - lockdown update

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are approaching the end of the regional lockdown period, which is scheduled to end on Friday 10 September at midnight. We are also expecting an announcement from the Premier tomorrow regarding whether or not the lockdown in some or all the regions will be extended.

In the past few days we have looked closely at our local situation – that is, the student and staff profile of our College and the bordering LGAs. We have taken this into consideration along with the fact that Year 11 will be completing online exams on Monday 13 September, and Friday 17 September is scheduled as a Staff Retreat day. As such, **Chevalier will continue with online learning until at least the end of Term 3**, even if our region is released from lockdown. It is our belief that this decision will cause the least amount of concern and anxiety to all, whilst allowing more time for vaccinations to be obtained by both staff and eligible students.

Our intent and desire is for Chev to return to face to face learning as soon as it is possible and safe to do so for all our community.

I realise that this news, especially if we are released from lockdown after this Friday, will not be what everybody agrees with but I would seek your understanding of this decision which is based on the best interests of the whole of our school community at this point in time.

We will write to you again next week with information about what Term 4 will look like for you and your children.

With best wishes

Chris McDermott  
**Principal**

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