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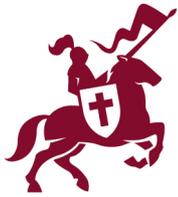
Dear Parents/Caregivers and students

Our Premier announced today that the regional lockdown will continue until midnight on Friday 10 September, which brings us to one week before the end of the school term.

The Premier also stated that the plan for students to return to school will be announced on Friday 27 August. We will write to you again early next week once we have had the opportunity to work through the implications of the return to school plan.

What does today's announcement mean for us for the next two weeks?

- Online learning will continue as it has for the past two weeks.
- Year 12
  - Students will resume attendance in Home Room each morning and Zoom lessons as per their timetable.
  - Study periods will be undertaken at the student's discretion at home. Students can contact Mrs Murchie during these periods for advice and/or support as needed.
  - A separate announcement will be sent to you regarding graduation, end of school dates and events, and any updates regarding the HSC examinations.
- Year 11
  - Students will undertake the preliminary examinations online, as per the email from Mrs Graham. More details will be sent as soon as possible.
- Years 7 to 10
  - We know students are doing their best in very difficult circumstances. Many of us are parents as well and we know how hard it is to work and monitor children learning at home. As parents/caregivers, you are doing a great job!
- To all our students
  - If you have not yet done so, thank your parents/caregivers for all they are doing for you!
  - We know motivation to continue working hard is a challenge when you are at home and cannot visit friends, play sport, rehearse as an ensemble etc. Please keep pushing yourself to get up each day, engage actively in your classes and get as much exercise as you can whilst remaining covid-safe.



- **Most importantly** for our students, if you are struggling, make sure you let your parents/caregivers know and/or contact your Home Room teacher, stage coordinator, counsellors or simply contact the college and we will ensure we connect you to the right people who can help.

Finally, we often say to our students “when you get something wrong, it is how you address the error that is most important”. I got something wrong in my last announcement and I want to offer my apologies to any family I caused upset or offence to. I have no right to say “get vaccinated when you can”. Vaccination is an informed choice for each individual family. In future communication, I will ensure I only refer to public health order requirements and will offer the following statement “please consider the place of vaccination in your family’s covid safe plan”.

Keeping you all in my prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris McDermott'.

Chris McDermott  
**Principal**