

27.5.21

INFORMATION REGARDING 7 DAY COVID LOCKDOWN

FRIDAY 28TH MAY TO THURSDAY 3RD JUNE 2021

Dear Families,

As per Victorian Government directives schools have been ordered into a seven day lockdown from **Friday 28th May to Thursday 3rd June**, with the students returning to school on Friday 4th June. Whilst this is inconvenient for many, given what is still happening overseas, Australia's track record with halting the spread of COVID19 has been unsurpassed and proven.

The students have this afternoon brought home their COVID packs. They are filled with up to seven school days of work (if necessary). Please do **not** do all the work in your child's COVID pack, but simply wait for the instructions from your classroom teacher that will be delivered to you via the **Seesaw app** on the morning of:

- **Friday 28th May**
- **Monday 31st May**
- **Tuesday 1st June**
- **Wednesday 2nd June**
- **Thursday 3rd June**

If this 7 day lockdown seems likely to go for longer than the 7 days, plans will be in place for all families to come and collect their classroom tubs and devices for a move into the next stage of full scale Remote Learning shortly after that, where our 2021 Prep students we will continue distributing student work tasks through the **Seesaw app**, whereas the Year 1 to 6 students will move back into **Google Classroom** tasks. This collection process from the Parish Hall will be similar to the one that we used last year. Let us hope that this does not occur, and whilst no-one can predict the future, we are well set up at SFX Montmorency® to move back into Remote Learning quickly and efficiently.

The intention for the next seven days is not to deep dive into full stream Remote Learning, but similar to Term 1 2021 lockdown, give the students a little bit of work each morning, but also a small break from school to re-energise, get over those winter sniffles, make it manageable for SFX families and be ready for a return to onsite learning in the last three weeks of Term 2 2021. We will await further Victorian Government and M.A.C.S directives about Parish Masses, Sacraments, Second Hand Uniform stalls, parent helpers onsite, school tours and other group gatherings involving adults and children.

At this stage the proposed school closure day for Semester One Report writing on Tuesday 15th June will not proceed. This will be a regular school day. Teachers will use time over the next week to continue finalizing and evaluating assessments and Semester One report writing whilst there are no students at school. It is very important that we endeavor to make up for the lost onsite learning time and make the most of each available school day. Thus the cancellation of this school closure day.

Over the next seven days, teachers will be available to answer any student questions about work and activities by email. These email addresses are found on the school website or <https://www.sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au/page/251/Staff-2021>

Onsite school student supervision will be open to families of:

1. **Vulnerable children** in out of home care, children known to child protection and other agencies and children the school identifies as vulnerable
2. **Authorised workers- If you can work from home you must work from home** is back. Similar to Level 4 restrictions in the February 2021 lockdown this is a full list of authorised workers who may use onsite supervision.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p15XDrkDUdmLuLNKqak747NtZza4VddR/view?usp=sharing>

Here is the link for those families who require onsite supervision.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1OmD6rMgkfDFtIAOoeimzdPFSSIOuvZTtpgi0meMgi0/edit>

We hope and pray that the next seven days will be the circuit breaker that Melbourne needs and that we can once again return to a COVID normal life.