

12th August 2021

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews today announced a further 7 day lockdown which will run from tomorrow Thursday 12th August 2021 and is anticipated to end on 11.59pm Thursday 19th August 2021.

Consequently, the College will continue to remain closed during this period unless the situation changes. NCC students from Prep to Year 12 will continue to learn remotely from home following their usual programs / schedules during this time.

I want to encourage all of you who have your children at home with you during this time. The College understands how challenging it is for parents on a daily basis, having to juggle both work commitments and Remote Learning for their children. It really is an impossible task and I want to commend each and every one of you for your amazing commitment and perseverance during this time.

The College leadership team decided very early on that in order to best support you as parents, we would adopt an asynchronous approach to learning from home. This means that you can choose the routine that best suits your family situation. It also means that your child does not need to complete tasks and submit them at specific times throughout the day, but instead tasks can be attempted and submitted at a time that is most convenient for the family.

Furthermore, if you or your child are experiencing any issues related to the completion and submission of assigned tasks, please contact your child's classroom teacher to see what can be arranged. It may be that tasks can be reduced or modified to best suit your home arrangements. It may even be an option to take a break and not have to submit tasks on a particular day. Our staff ultimately want to partner with you to find the best way forward for your child's learning. Whatever your circumstances, please don't hesitate to discuss this with your child's teacher. We do have our Parent Student Teacher Interview sessions tomorrow and next Tuesday. This could be a timely opportunity to have these conversations

Much as we would love to have all children engaged in their learning on campus, COVID-19 restrictions currently in place in Victoria means that this is only an option in the following very limited circumstances:

1. Children where **both parents** and/or carers are authorised workers who **cannot work from home, work for an essential provider** and where **no other supervision arrangements can be made:**

- Where there are two parents/carers, **both** must be authorised workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision
- For single parents/carers, the authorised worker must be **working outside the home** in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.

2. Children experiencing vulnerability, including:

- children in out-of-home care
- children deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and is assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home

- children identified by a school as vulnerable, including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service
- where a parent/carer indicates that a student **with a disability** is vulnerable because they cannot learn from home, and/or informs the school the student is vulnerable due to family stress. This may apply to students enrolled in specialist schools and **students with a disability enrolled in mainstream schools**.

If you fall within the categories above, please complete the Authorised Worker Questionnaire attached and email the completed form as soon as possible to ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au. Please also provide any supporting evidence if you fall within category 2. We will assess your situation and respond to your request as soon as we possibly can.

If you have already completed the Authorised Worker Questionnaire and sent it through to the College there will be no need to do this again this will carry over, however if you could please indicate to the Administration team via email ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au of the date/s you intend to send your child/ren to school for onsite supervision.

All camps and excursions scheduled for Week 6 16th -20th August have been postponed.

Tuesday 17th August will be a Wellbeing Day, Prep to Year 10 students will not be required to complete any online tasks or attend any zoom sessions due to Parent Student Teacher Interviews being held.

VCE & VCAL students will follow their usual programs on Tuesday 17th August. On-site supervision will be provided to those who are an Authorised Worker and Camp Australia will be available from 1pm for families that may need this service.

I encourage you to keep an eye on the list of Covid-19 exposure sites via the following link:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites>

Please contact the College Office if you have any questions or queries and of course we will continue to keep you informed as we receive more information.

Yours faithfully



Damian Higgins
Principal