

2 June 2021

School Operations - Week 7-8 of Term 2, 2021

As-Salaamu Alaykum

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this message finds you in the best of health and spirits.

This letter is to update you on our school operations from this **Friday, 5 June 2021**. The Deputy Premier announced today that the restrictions in Victoria will remain in place for a further **7 days**. There are still just five reasons to leave the home and a 10 km radius for exercise, etc.

One welcomed piece of news is that our **Years 11 and 12 students** will return to face-to-face learning on campus from this **Friday 4 June 2021**.

Onsite supervision will continue for vulnerable children and the children of authorised workers.

Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students in **Years F-10**. Any Year 10 students completing advanced Units 1 or 2 VCE subjects will participate remotely.

We understand the difficulties some families are facing due to having a limited number of devices at home. Teachers are aware of this constraint and have been guided on the delivery of flexible, as well as remote learning (i.e. live lessons), to ease the burden and pressure on parents/carers and students.

All live lessons are recorded and available on the relevant Teams pages. Teachers will not be expecting the immediate submission of work from students, but will look at any form of engagement and work submission by students throughout the week and the following week, as needed. Please let your teachers know via email if you are experiencing any issues related to device access or any other issues that might be affecting your child's participation in flexible and remote learning. We certainly understand the challenges you are facing and will be mindful of this when communicating with students.

The government has not made any announcements in relation to loaning devices to students at this stage. Our leadership team will be meeting this afternoon and will look at what can be done in the short-term to minimise any impact on students who do not have a device. As mentioned, teachers have been briefed on the situation some students are facing and will provide the greatest flexibility possible.

All other information contained in my previous letter to parents from 28 May 2021 in relation to remote and flexible learning remains unchanged. **The Years 7-10 (Semester 1) exams that were**

re-scheduled to next week will now be cancelled. Domain Leaders and their respective teams will discuss alternative informal forms of assessment that can be used to provide students with valuable feedback on their learning progress throughout Semester 1. Students will be provided more information on this from their teachers in due course.

Whenever we find ourselves in situations like these, it always brings to the fore what is most important in life. Wellbeing encompasses many things, including our mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. The wellbeing of our students is paramount at this time, and takes precedence over other considerations. Our wellbeing team, teachers, and learning support staff are here and working side-by-side you and your children to support them in the best way possible. Together we need to ensure that our students have regular breaks from their devices / computer screens, engage in physical activity and meaningful interactions with those around them.

And please remember,

'With every hardship comes ease.' [Qur'an 94:6]

We look forward to having all our precious students back on campus very soon insha Allah.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the College on (03) 9709 0100.

Kind regards,



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