

12 February 2021

Dear Students and Families,

I hope that this update finds you well.

As you would be aware, this afternoon, the state government announced a five day Stage 4 lockdown for Victoria. This means that schools will return to remote and flexible learning for Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 February 2021.

All students have taken their laptop home so that they are able to access Google Classroom for *Learning from Home*. We ask that students check their emails, Google Classroom and notices on SIMON for updates on what they need to do.

Whilst lessons will be slightly shorter. Classes will follow their normal timetable.

An updated version of our *Learning from Home* guide will be posted on the College website on Sunday afternoon. This will be of particular interest to Year 7 families.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that onsite learning will be provided for students in the following categories:

- Students whose parents / carers are essential workers.
- Students whose parents/carers cannot make suitable arrangements to supervise them at home.
- Students who are vulnerable and cannot work from home.
- Students with disabilities who choose to attend onsite.

The Chief Health Officer has previously provided advice about the health measures that should be taken by staff and students working on site, and we will be following these.

Students who will be working onsite

If your son / daughter needs to attend school for onsite learning, please let us know so that we have adequate staffing in place.

- i) Email principal@crcstalbens.com.au
- ii) By phone on the normal school number 9366 2544
- iii) Vietnamese Multicultural Aide: Mr Tung Phan on **0428 045 680**
- iv) Arabic Multicultural Aide: Ms Louna Ghawi on **0437 210 544**
- v) Dinka Multicultural Aide: Mr Deng Alier on **0428 158 780**

Laptops and Books

Should students who need to collect books or laptops, they can do so on any day from 8.30 – 3.30pm. Please enter via the College office. We ask that adults who bring students to school wait in the car as we cannot have you on site.

Finally, a reminder that if you, your child or a family member develop symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, or loss of smell or taste, you should get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

This is once again a challenging time for all of us but we know that if each of us does our bit, we can turn it around. We have done it twice already. Hopefully, going early and going hard means that this lockdown will be brief.

I know that remote learning isn't easy but encourage all students to do their best and to engage fully with *Learning from Home*. Your teachers are working very hard to ensure that it is as effective and engaging as it can be.

As we learn more, we will update families. Fingers crossed that we are all back on Thursday.

Yours sincerely



Christina Utri
Principal