

27 May 2021

Dear Students and Families,

I hope that this update finds you well.

As you would be aware, this morning, the state government announced a seven day Stage 3 lockdown from 11.59pm tonight to 11.59pm next Thursday 03 June. This means that schools will return to remote and flexible learning from **Monday 31 May to Thursday 03 June 2021**. Friday 28 May will be student free day for all schools.

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

Whilst lessons next week will be slightly shorter. Classes will follow the normal timetable. It is important that students attend all classes, engage fully in class activities and complete assessment as required.

We expect to return to the onsite program on Friday 04 June, 2021. At this stage, Years 9 and 10 exams which are scheduled to begin on Monday 07 June will continue as planned. Should this change students and families will be informed through the normal channels.

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

- Students whose parents / carers are authorised and essential workers.
- 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 supervision next week, please let us know so that we have adequate staffing in place.

- i) Email [principal@crcstalbens.com.au](mailto: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 Manal Hadeed on **0437 210 544**
- v) Dinka Multicultural Aide: Mr Deng Alier (Dinka) on **0428 158 780**

### **Laptops, books and materials**

All students took home books and laptops this afternoon, however, should they need to collect anything from school, they can do so on any school 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 to minimise the number of people onsite.

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, please 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](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus).

This is once again a challenging time but we know that if we all do our part, we can turn it around. We have been here before and know what to do. Hopefully, today's decision will mean that we are back onsite sooner rather than later.

I know that remote learning isn't easy but encourage all students to do their best and to engage fully with *Learning from Home*. 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 through our normal communication channels. Fingers crossed that we are all back next Friday 04 June, 2021.

Yours sincerely



Christina Utri  
Principal