

11 August 2021

Dear Students and Families,

I hope that this update finds you safe and well. As you would be aware, earlier today, the state government extended the current lockdown to 11.59pm on Thursday 19 August 2021. This means that remote and flexible learning will continue during this time. Students and families are asked to note the following:

### **Year 10 Course Planning: Tuesday 17 August**

Tuesday had been set aside for Year 10 students and their families to meet with PC teachers and staff from Sydenham to finalise courses for 2022. This will continue as planned but the meetings will be online. Details will be forwarded to students by Mr Ramos and the PC teachers.

There will be no **formal online classes** for **Year 10** students on Tuesday. When not meeting with teachers, Year 10 students should use this time for:

- Completing homework.
- Summarising notes and revising classwork.
- Working on assessment tasks.
- Studying for upcoming tests.
- Reading, both the current English text and more broadly.

I thank Mr Ramos, Mr Orsini, the Pastoral Care teachers and staff from CRC Sydenham for all their work in supporting students in this decision making process, in less than ideal circumstances.

Normal classes will continue for students in Years 7 – 9.

### **Staff Professional Practice Day: Wednesday 18 August**

There are no formal classes on this day as it is a staff planning day. We encourage students to use this day as an opportunity to catch up on missed work but also as a time to look after their wellbeing and to spend some time away from the screen.

### **Year 10 VCE and VET classes: Wednesday 18 August**

These will continue as normal on this day. All Year 10 VCE and VET students must attend.

### **Collection of materials from school**

With the extension of lockdown, students may need to collect materials from school, this can be done from 8.30 – 3.30pm any day. 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 develops 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.

With the current outbreak affecting our local area, it is also important to monitor local exposure sites and to follow the directions of the Department of Health regarding testing, isolation and quarantine.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health, you can visit

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

These are once again challenging times. With this letter, we include some information from the team behind the Resilient Youth surveys, about caring for our own and others' wellbeing. If families or students have any concerns please raise these with teachers or contact the office.

As we learn more, we will update families through our normal communication channels. Hopefully, we will be back next Friday, 20 August, 2021.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christina Utri', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christina Utri  
Principal