



October 16, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I write to you today with great concern for the current situation many of you are in due to the flood event continuing to unfold in the Greater Shepparton area. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those impacted and for those experiencing the stress and anxiety of monitoring the water levels close to homes. It has been wonderful to see the Greater Shepparton community rally around with many volunteers filling sandbags and assisting at emergency evacuation points – Greater Shepparton certainly knows how to support each other in hard times.

St Anne's College sits in a position in Kialla which has not yet been inundated, however we are surrounded by floodwaters and roads into the site are cut due to flooding, making access difficult, if at all possible. The floodwaters are expected to peak on Tuesday. Considering these elements and following an emergency services briefing this morning, we have worked with Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd to make decisions that we feel are in the best interests of the safety and wellbeing of all in our community.

Please note the following arrangements: St Anne's College will be closed on Monday, October 17. There will be no remote learning provided, however students in the School of Innovation and the School of Possibilities have full access to their ongoing learning tasks on Google Classroom if they wish to access them and are in a position to do so. As this is an unfolding situation, we will communicate with the community each day to provide information and updates on the status of the college.

There are a number of events that will need to be postponed - this includes the Year 9 in 2023 information night and the Foundation 2023 transition session on Tuesday, October 18. We will communicate a new date for these events as soon as we can.

Please take care and keep abreast of the local developments to ensure your safety.

Yours Sincerely,

Susan Carroll

Principal

St Anne's College is a Child-Safe school, committed to the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

St Anne's College acknowledges the Yorta Yorta Nation as the traditional and ongoing custodians of the land on which our education community is situated.