

Thursday 12th August, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday the Victorian Government announced that on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, Victoria's current lockdown will be extended by a further week. This means that remote schooling will continue until at least Thursday 19th August. We are hopeful that all students will be able to return on-site from Friday 20th August. Hopefully this is confirmed early next week.

I know this is a difficult time for every family and certainly not what any of us had hoped for. Please remember that the school is here to offer whatever support we can to all our families during these periods of lockdown. As we have in the past, students, staff and parents are again being called upon to be resilient, positive and show compassion and empathy towards others. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need help – we are all in this together.

The Government directive remains that parents, teachers and students **MUST** work from home wherever possible.

Onsite Supervision:

For families with children of essential service workers or vulnerable students, supervision will be provided from Friday 13th August to Thursday 19th August 2021.

The criteria for student eligibility to attend on-site is as follows:

- Children whose parents/carers are authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and no other supervision arrangements can be made.
- Children experiencing vulnerability, including those:
 - o residing in out-of-home care
 - deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
 - identified by a school as vulnerable, including via referral from a government agency, funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service, or mental health or other health service. These families will be contacted by the school to discuss attendance.

If your child will require on-site supervision on any days during this period, could you please email me at principal@sfxfrankston.catholic.edu.au by 7:00pm tonight and let me know the days that your child needs to be at school. This includes students who have been attending onsite during the last week.

Yours Sincerely,

Steve Peart Principal

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