



2 August 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope this finds you well and safe and managing to spend some quality time with family as we settle into another week of work and study at home. By now you will know that the lockdown has been extended to 4pm on Sunday.

Please refer to my email from Thursday 29 July and Saturday 31 July, which outlined the plans in the event of an extended lockdown period.

I would just like to add a few points/reminders:

- Please, please keep your child at home and have them tested if they are sick
- If you have booked your child in for the week and your situation has changed, please phone or email the College to inform us
- College buses will not be running during Lockdown
- Studiosity is available to access 24/7 for both tutoring and writing feedback to support learning off campus for students in Years 7 to 12
- Students in Years 7 to 12 who need to collect materials from school, may do so after 3.30pm this afternoon. They need to wear masks and parents are asked to remain in their cars. Students will need to sign in at the desk outside the GFA. In order to reduce contact, we have divided the afternoon into three pick-up sessions:
 - 3.30pm to 4pm – Students with surnames starting with A to H
 - 4pm to 4.30pm – Students with surnames starting with I to P
 - 4.30pm to 5pm – Students with surnames starting with Q to Z

In his briefing this morning, Steven Miles, the Deputy Premier, reminded us that this lockdown is different to previous ones – it is far more serious due to how quickly the Delta strain is spreading across all age groups. He stressed the importance of people staying home unless it is absolutely essential that they go out. He also reiterated the importance of getting tested if you have any symptoms.

Please know that the teachers and support staff at Saint Stephen's have got this, and your children's learning and wellbeing are in safe hands. Thank you for trusting us.



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On Saturday I wanted my email to go out as soon as possible, and thus did not have the time to include a prayer. I have remedied that today.

*We pray for your love and compassion to abound
as we walk through this challenging season.*

*We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load
of making decisions with widespread consequences.*

*We pray for those who are suffering with sickness
and all who are caring for them.*

*We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable
to not succumb to the risks of the virus.*

*We pray for misinformation to be curbed
that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.*

*As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide,
may we also approach each day in faith and peace,
trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kim', written in dark ink.

Mrs Kim Cohen
Principal