



31 July 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you will know, a strict lockdown has been called for South East Queensland (all 11 LGA's) by the Chief Health Officer, effective from 4pm this afternoon Saturday 31 July until 4pm on Tuesday 3 August.

The nature of this lockdown is stricter than in the previous lockdowns and as such the College's response reflects this.

As per the Queensland Health directive, we are asking that **only** children of essential workers send their children to the College for the remainder of this hard lockdown. Students of essential workers only will be accommodated in QW1 (Junior College students) or the iCentre (Senior College students) where they will be supervised by members of the Senior Leadership team (SLT). We encourage essential workers whose children are in Year 9 and above not to send them to school during this period. Please inform us if your child will be in attendance due to the nature of your work. Please register on the below link by latest 2pm tomorrow, Sunday 1 August: [Essential Workers Link](#)

We have included the full week just in case of an extended lockdown, but understand that if we return to on-campus learning on Wednesday then your child should be at school as per normal.

At this point in time, all students will move to Off-Campus Learning (OCL) effective Tuesday 3 August. As I indicated in my previous email, on Thursday 29 July 2021, staff will spend Monday preparing and brushing up on the latest changes in MS Teams ready to follow the online timetable on Tuesday. We are preparing for a longer lockdown in case that is required.

In accordance with the Queensland Health requirements of this lockdown, **the College campus will be closed on Monday 2 August and Tuesday 3 August.** The only staff members on campus will be members of the SLT (who are supervising essential workers children), IT department, cleaners and a few other essential staff. Other than those mentioned, the College campus will not be staffed. This includes reception and administration offices; however, staff will be working off-campus and calls will be answered. We appreciate your patience during this transition time.

Any adult or student in the Senior College (Years 7 to 12 only) on campus will be required to wear a mask, effective immediately.

Absence

Should your son/daughter be sick during lockdown and absent from class, please contact the College as you would on a 'normal' school day. You are encouraged to notify us of your child's absence via the new College App, or by emailing jnrabsences@ssc.qld.edu.au (Junior College) or snrabsences@ssc.qld.edu.au (Senior College).



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Junior College

- Parents of students in Year 4 may collect laptops from your child's classroom today until 4pm, for use during lockdown.
- During teacher preparation time on Monday children can access online resources and apps, but there is not an expectation to complete school work. On Monday, teachers in each year level will send communication to all parents outlining the plans for Tuesday.
- If lockdown is extended past Tuesday, we will resume the drive-through resource collection for the Foundation years as well as for collection of Year 4 laptops (for those who cannot collect them today). Parents will be provided with the details at that stage if necessary.

Senior College

- On Monday 2 August, Years 7 to 12 students will be expected to continue their studies independently as per the weekly plan published on D2L for each subject. Students are to continue to accessing the content on D2L for each of their courses. This will include continuing to work on any assessment that is due. There will be no face-to-face instruction on this day.
- From Tuesday 3 August, online classes will commence.
 - Senior College students are expected to join each lesson via MS Teams where a roll will be taken.
 - Year 12 exams that were scheduled for Monday and Tuesday this week will be postponed until a later date (most likely the following week). This will also include exams scheduled for Wednesday **if** the lockdown is extended.
 - As per the assessment schedule, Year 12 assignments that are due this week (Thursday and Friday) are still expected to be submitted on time.

All excursions, sports training, competitions etc. scheduled for Monday or Tuesday in the Junior and Senior College shall be rescheduled for a later date when/if possible.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on all of us, including our young people, and this will be continued to felt by young people and all of us for some time to come. Please be assured we are here to support your young people, as always, and I encourage them (and/or you) to contact Mrs Katrina Riley (Head of Students – Foundations) or Mrs Jane Couche (Head of Students – Consolidations) or the relevant Head of Year in the Senior College, should they have any concerns or require additional support. Also, our Dean of Wellbeing, Mrs Kathryn Dendy, is here to support the members of our school community and can be contacted on kdendy@ssc.qld.edu.au or by phoning 5573 8639.

This is the strictest lockdown we have experienced here in Queensland due to the highly contagious nature of the Delta variant, hence the College is responding to ensure we do the best we can to support our

community. Thank you in advance for your patience and care of, and for, each other, your families and the entire College community, but in particular our precious students.

Stay safe. I will provide an update with more information as it comes to hand. Thank you for your cooperation, as always during these forced changes of operation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Cohen", written in a cursive style.

Kim Cohen
Principal