

15 July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you and your families are well during this period of lockdown. Please remember where possible to get outside, get some sun and do some exercise to help you feel well.

As you know, the NSW Government has extended the lockdown and stay at home orders which remain in place until Friday 29 July 2021. As a result of this, school will continue in a remote learning mode. The current orders are that students should remain at home and complete the remote learning however children of essential workers, vulnerable students or students at risk are able to attend school.

Students who need to attend school

If you need to send your child to school, please complete the online form so that we can ensure our staffing levels reflect accordingly. Please click [Learning Supervision Advice](#). The form will close at 10am on Sunday 18 July 2021.

For students who live in the Fairfield Local Government Area, in line with the NSW Health Order, we will require students to comply with the order and have a COVID-19 test every three days. Results of the tests should be sent to the College.

We understand that the NSW Health Order relates to “Workers” and is silent on students. Our view on this is that most students would not be leaving their LGA to attend school and therefore this has not been specifically identified. The current order is that all that people should remain in their own LGA. Due to students in the Fairfield LGA leaving their LGA and that this LGA has a specific order to get tested if the residents are leaving the LGA, we believe that this is an appropriate request. Please know that we have made this decision to do our best in keeping our College Community safe.

Any students who do come to school during the remote learning period will be supervised as they complete their allocated remote learning work. No regular classes will be taking place for students who are at school.

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Please ensure that any students who attend school are well and do not have any cold or flu-like symptoms. Any unwell students will be asked to return home and parents will be required to come and pick them up.

Remote Learning Mode

Year 7 – 12 remote learning will continue to be accessed via SEQTA. From time to time Teachers may also use Microsoft Teams to complete interactive student learning. Please contact your child's teacher directly should they be experiencing any issues or are unsure of what to do.

Wellbeing

Wellbeing is still a main priority for Mountain View during the COVID-19 crisis. We are committed to providing tools and safe spaces for students and staff to feel supported.

The Wellbeing Team includes, chaplains, counsellors, learning support staff and our first nations support staff. Throughout the remote learning time we will be offering counselling support online; chaplains will provide Chapel programs and Bible studies online to continue to support our students spiritual growth; Connect Time each Friday allows teachers to check in with students and provides extra time for discussion around key themes like, how to keep focused; how to stay positive; develop deep connections and how to heal.

Should you or your child require any specific help in relation to Wellbeing, please contact Mrs Jensen via email Rontania.jensen@mvac.adventist.edu.au.

Loan Computers

As was communicated yesterday, we have a small number of devices that are available for loan during the remote learning period. Please note that these are limited in number and that we will need to prioritise any allocation and that not all requests will be able to be fulfilled. For any families who do loan a device from the College, we will require:

- A \$100 deposit
- A Signed Loan Device agreement
- That parents understand, accept and agree to pay a \$500 insurance excess for any damages should they occur

All loan devices are to be returned to the school when requested.

Buses & Bus Runs

Our bus runs will operate depending on the need of our students to attend school. Due to the reduced numbers, should you require this service, please understand that your current pickup and drop-off times, your child's bus number and driver may change. Please ensure that you indicate this need when you complete the Learning Supervision Advice form (please see link above).



General School Operations

During this period of time, please note the following:

- The Canteen is closed until further notice. The College will have no capacity to provide any items to students during the remote learning period.
- Students are to bring in their own water bottles that can be refilled at the refill stations around the College. All bubblers will be turned off.

Masks and General Good Hygiene

Students in Years 7-12 will be required to wear masks when travelling on our buses or whilst indoors on school grounds unless there are circumstances where they are exempt.

Please encourage your children to wash their hands regularly, not to share food or drinks, avoid hugging and touching each other and follow good hygiene protocols.

Remote Learning Prep – Year 6

Please see the document attached to this email for specific details relating to how remote learning will occur for your child/ren.

Prep – Year 2 Student Packs

For students in Prep – Year 2, teachers will be arranging student packs to be completed at home. Parents will need to come into the school and pick up their child's pack. Please pick up the packs from Kiss & Drop Area located in the front of the school oval.

Pick Up Dates: Friday 16 July & Friday 23 July 2021

Pick up times: 8:30am – 10:30 am & 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Please pull in along the side of the kerb, remain in your car and please wear a mask. Please wind down the car window and advise staff the name of your child and the grade they are in. Staff will provide you with the pack and mark your child's name off the class roll.

If you are unable to make these times, please contact your class teacher directly to arrange an alternative time.

We pray that you stay safe and well during this time and we look forward to our students returning to school when lockdown is over.

God Bless,

Irwin Steyn

College Principal