



15 February 2021

Dear St Joseph's College families

I hope you and your families are all safe and well.

Following the Victorian Government announcement of a 5-day circuit breaker, students will complete remote learning on Tuesday February 16 and Wednesday February 17. Please see below for information to assist in the remote learning period.

Year 7 and new student introductory interviews

These interviews scheduled to occur on Wednesday February 17 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm will continue as planned. As teachers will not be able to meet with students and families in person, these interviews will be conducted via zoom. Homeroom teachers will send meeting invitations to families.

Please contact your child's homeroom teacher to make alternative arrangements if the assigned meeting time is not suitable.

Uniform

Students will be required to wear their college summer uniform whilst on screen. The purpose of this is to ensure that classroom learning whilst in the home environment, is consistent with classroom learning at school. By wearing the uniform, it is hoped that students will be in the mindset where they are ready and eager to learn. Families will be notified of uniform infringements via SMS as per the college uniform policy.

Attendance

Normal college attendance requirements will apply. Classroom teachers will send out a zoom invitation prior to each lesson, and an attendance roll will be taken for every class, including homeroom. As per normal protocols, an SMS will be sent to families when there is an unexplained student absence.

All students will be required to attend morning homeroom for roll marking. Roll's will not be taken for those students in Academe and study periods.

Engagement and behaviour

The same high expectations in terms of classroom engagement and behaviour will be in place for online learning. A behaviour management process will be in place in rare occasions when poor student behaviour disrupts the learning of other students. In the event of continued behaviour concerns, students will be required to complete a home online reflection. This process will involve email and phone communication and collaboration with the student, parent, classroom teacher, Homeroom teacher and House Leader. Normal expectations will continue to apply for mobile phones, smartwatches and eating in class.

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Wellbeing

We appreciate that students will find the transition to remote learning challenging, even for a short period of time.

We encourage students and parents to email wellbeing@sjcmda.vic.edu.au for additional support during the remote learning period. Students that would like to access wellbeing support for the first time, or who have not accessed wellbeing support recently are welcome and encouraged to contact wellbeing.

Supervision

Supervision is available to those students of essential workers, or vulnerable student's. If your child requires supervision, I ask you to email Mrs Jacinta Jones jjones@sjcmda.vic.edu.au with your child's name, essential service you are involved in/vulnerable circumstances.

Masks

Students are reminded that they need to ensure they bring a face mask from home to be worn when required as per Government guidelines.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing the students back for face-to-face learning.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. McClair', written in a cursive style.

Mr Heath McClair

Deputy Principal Students