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Dear St Joseph's College families

Following the Premier's announcement this morning, regional Victoria has entered lockdown at 1pm today, Saturday August 21 until Thursday September 2.

Students undertaking Unit 3 and 4 studies will commence remote learning on Monday August 23. Remote learning for years 7-11 will commence on Tuesday August 24. At this point in time, school will resume on Friday September 3.

Students who have not taken their laptop and school materials home may collect them on Monday at both campuses.

Vulnerable children and the children of essential workers

For those parents/guardians who are working in essential services (ambulance, fire, hospitals, medical professions etc.), and students who are vulnerable (children in out-of-home care, children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm, children identified by the school as vulnerable, including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness service, mental health service or other health service), the college will be providing supervision for their children during school hours on Monday August 23 to Thursday September 2.

If you are intending to send your child to school, please notify Mrs Jacinta Jones via email jjones@sjcmda.vic.edu.au as soon as possible. Please advise the essential service you are involved in/vulnerable circumstances, along with your child's name, to allow us to have adequate supervision during the day.

In closing and most importantly...

The roller coaster ride of the last year or so combined with the week-to-week pandemic uncertainty has contributed to a level of exhaustion in the community. **I publicly thank the St Joseph's College staff, students and parents for their energy and efforts to maintain learning in the classroom and at home.** As the uncertainty continues, the College receives regular COVID updates from the Catholic Education Office based on information from the Premier's Office and Department of Health. Based on current information there are activities and events the College is unable to conduct due to density limits, the inclusion of external individuals and/or the mixing of people. As a result, the Year 11 Snow Camp and the Year 7 Camp are unable to occur at this time. We remain hopeful there will be an opportunity at some point for these to go ahead.

We thank you for your understanding during this time. I encourage families to reach out to us if you are concerned about your child/ren or your financial situation. We are here to support you.

Ever blessings

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mrs Marg Blythman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail.

Mrs Marg Blythman
Principal