



Thursday 27th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Move to a period of remote and flexible learning

As you are aware, following directions issued from Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Victoria will enter a circuit breaker lockdown from 11:59pm tonight, Thursday 27 May to 11:59pm on Thursday 3 June 2021.

Under instruction from Catholic Education Commission of Victoria, all Catholic schools will transition to remote and flexible learning from Monday 31 May. To assist with preparing for this, **Friday 28th May will be a student-free day** for our College.

While it is expected that all students should be learning from home, schools have been asked to consider making supervision arrangements available at school for students in the following categories:

- Children whose parents are considered essential workers, cannot work from home and where no other supervision arrangements can be made
- Vulnerable children, including children in out-of-home care, children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm and children identified by the school as vulnerable (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service or mental health or other mental service.)

Information about the arrangements for this supervision and how to apply are provided at the end of the letter.

Please find accompanying this letter a document, "Remote and Flexible Learning – Information for Students and Parents," that provides important information about our online learning program, including how parents can best support their daughter or son with remote and flexible learning. (This document, with some reminders, has been emailed to all students.)

"Canvas" and "Xuno" will continue as crucial remote and flexible learning management and student management online systems, respectively. Parents have access to these systems, too.

As we 'pivot' to students learning from home, I am very conscious of the importance of supporting their wellbeing. Please know you can contact our Student Wellbeing Team (E: wellbeing@ignatius.vic.edu.au, Ph. 5251 1136) if you would like to access support or you can access the Student Wellbeing resources through the team's Wellbeing section on Canvas.

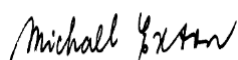
In regards to your daughter's or son's progress, please contact the subject teacher and for more general matters please contact her/his Homeroom Teacher.

I am hopeful that all students will return to onsite learning on Friday 4 June 2021. I will write to you on Thursday to provide an update.

I wish you and your family all the best as we move into Stage 4 restrictions. Thank you for your ongoing support of the College as we work together to ensure our students' learning continuity and wellbeing.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,



Michael Exton | Principal

Additional information about supervision at school

To assess the need for supervision, we need to know how many students we would need to cater for. If your daughter or son is in one of the categories mentioned above, and you would like to indicate your interest in her or him being supervised at the College while she or he undertakes the remote and flexible learning, **please send an email message as soon as possible** to dpoffice@ignatius.vic.edu.au and provide for each student:

- Student name
- Year Level & Homeroom name
- Days of the week attending school
- Brief reason for the need for supervision at school.

Please note:

- 8:45 am to 3:05 pm;
- Transport to & from school will need to be provided by parents (at the time of writing this message, we have no advice about bus availability);
- No canteen, students to bring their own food & drink bottle;
- Social distancing would be expected as much as possible;
- Students must wear a mask;
- The student would need to be well;
- Neat casual clothes;
- Students will be located in the Information Learning Centre;
- Supervision would be from a distance while students work using their laptops as if they were at home; and
- Students sign in and out at the front College office.