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Staying Connected No. 22. 2021.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware the State Government has announced an extension of the Lockdown and stricter restrictions commencing as of 11:59pm tonight (Tuesday 17 August).

I sincerely appreciate the support being shown towards the school during these extremely difficult times for all of us. We have all got our views on lockdowns, restrictions and even vaccines. Whilst everyone is entitled to their view, **we must follow the rules.**

I understand many of you are stressed and worried for your child's education. I share your stress and worry. However, I am bound, as you are, to follow the rules and directives as laid out by the Department and Health and in turn, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

I am concerned about the number of children attending school for onsite supervision. **These are the rules:**

1. Children where both parents and/or carers are authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made:
 - **Where there are two parents/carers, both must be authorised workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for onsite provision**
 - **For single parents/carers, the authorised worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for onsite provision.**

2. Children experiencing vulnerability, including:
- children in out-of-home care
 - children deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and is assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
 - children identified by a school as vulnerable, including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service.
 - **Where a parent/carer indicates that a student with a disability is vulnerable because they cannot learn from home, and/or informs the school the student is vulnerable due to family stress, the school must provide onsite supervision for that student. This may apply to students enrolled in specialist schools and students with a disability enrolled in mainstream schools.**

To ensure these rules are being followed, **I am directed to insist that parents or carers of children who fall under Category 1, must forward a copy of their Authorised Workers Permit to Anthony D'Amico when registering their children for onsite supervision.**

SMMPS is aware of the children who fall under Category 2. These children may attend onsite if necessary. Please ensure you continue to register your children.

Thank you for your support....

As always, we look to St. Mary MacKillop for words of wisdom.

"May God bless you and keep you and give you courage." 17.08.1875

Changes to Upcoming Events because of Lockdown...

- **Book Week and the Book Fair** have been postponed. We will consider the practicality of arranging dates in Term 4, however they may well need to be cancelled for this year.
- **Year 6 Open Door Program** (Sex Education) has been rescheduled to 14 October 2021.

Go well everyone and keep safe.



Anthony McCluskey

Principal