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COVID Update

Dear Annesley Community,

In March last year I shared that 'what I am certain about in this time of great uncertainty in our world is the unwavering need for kindness and creative problem solving. These two things are needed now, more than ever.' In July 2021, these words continue to be so true. This morning I shared with the Annesley team that I truly believe we are blessed to be trusted to care for, nurture and rigorously invest in the development of children. Whether face to face or from a distance, this blessing does not change.

As we have done since the commencement of the Pandemic, we will continue to act in line with SA Government advice. As you would be aware, the Premier announced **'from 6pm tonight, a seven day stay at home order will be in place for South Australia. This new direction also means that schools will be closed for the next seven days. Only the children of essential workers and vulnerable children will be able to attend school, preschool or childcare.'**

As a school, Annesley is very well placed to transition to Distance Learning.

- All students (ELC to Year 7) will be learning via Distance Learning from Thursday, July 22
- Tomorrow, Wednesday July 21, will be a student free day to allow time for our teachers to finalise plans for Distance Learning
- Detailed information about Distance Learning will be circulated on Wednesday, July 21. A range of learning resources will be sent home with students today including School iPads for students in Year 2-7
- OSHC will operate in the ELC for Primary students of essential workers that require care outside of school hours (7:30am-8:30am/ 3:30pm-6pm)
- Only the children of essential workers and vulnerable children will be supervised on site, ELC to Year 7. If you are working from home, this does not mean you are an essential worker
- Our staff team are well equipped to work remotely and only a skeleton staff will be on site to support the families of essential workers (list of essential workers can be found at [here](#))

I share a note of thanks. In line with our communication last night, we appreciate those parents that wore masks and followed the 'kiss and drop' rules this morning. With limited parents and caregivers allowed on site, the increased staff presence at 'Kiss and Drop' assisted our students to move quickly and safely into the School grounds. We truly appreciate those parents that moved in and out of the 'Kiss and Drop' zone in a timely manner.

For 'Kiss and Drop' this afternoon, we respectfully ask parents and caregivers to;

- Use our QR code when entering Annesley grounds as per our communication earlier today
- ELC; minimise time in their room
- Reception (including our new Mid-Year Reception class); minimise your time in their room
- Year 1 to Year 7; Utilise the 'Kiss and Drop' zone
- Only enter the campus if you must and minimise your time on campus
- Visiting adults must wear masks while inside the school's buildings during the peak times of 2:45pm to 4.00pm

We continue to acknowledge the complexities and challenges during this time. We thank you for your ongoing flexibility, support and positive feedback. These truly are unprecedented times and our focus continues to be on connection, continuity





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and the wellbeing of our amazing students and staff. For more information and updates from the SA Government, please follow <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/>.

We will be in touch tomorrow.

Warm regards,



LUKE RITCHIE
Principal

