



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Awareness  
*Social distancing.*  
*Enter College grounds only if essential.*  
*The safest place is at home.*

## COVID-19 Update No. 11

*(There will be no Marian during Remote Learning. Covid-19 Updates will continue).*

Gracious God,  
give us ears to hear,  
eyes to see,  
hearts to love,  
and hands to act;  
so that 'we are  
shining lamps,  
giving light to all  
around us'.



Saint Mary of the Cross (Mackillop) said in 1890, "*Our courage needs to rise with difficulties and obstacles.*" So true for the present moment in time.

### Week One



Tuesday morning, I had a radio interview with ABC Murray Goulburn Radio on the return to Remote Learning and provided a few reflections on the journey our College community has been through. Our staff have been working at express pace this week to prepare for the return to remote learning. The conversations considered the Term Two program as the benchmark for discussion on the strengths and difficulties that students, parents and staff had to deal with during Term Two. We explored many questions to ensure the Term Three program continues providing purposeful learning tasks within a remote learning environment.

The medical experts warned of a second wave unless there is complete eradication and true to their word it is happening. Victoria has a smaller geographical area; denser population per square kilometre and winter (does not help), all adding to the mix of the Covid -19 resurgence. Dr Stephen Barnett Head of Royal Melbourne Hospital Emergency Department said this morning, "*I am not interested in finger pointing. A few months ago it was Tasmania, now its Victoria's turn and in a few months' time it will be somewhere else in Australia. This is an opportunity to learn.*" Stage Three Restrictions will calm the storm.

### What does it mean for St Mary's College?

We have been down this road before; the difficulties and inconveniences to daily life and now the College community focuses on what is required for the time in Stage Three Restrictions:

*There are four reasons that we can leave home:*

- 1. Shopping for food or other essential items.*
- 2. To provide care giving, for compassionate reasons or to seek medical treatment.*
- 3. For exercise (outdoor exercise only, with only one other person or members of your household).*
- 4. Work or study, if we cannot work or study from home.*

*Otherwise, we stay home.*

As was done in Term Two, College staff will do our best to support families both in learning and pastoral care. It is important that **students are not onsite unless it is essential.**

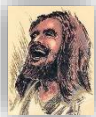
### Remote Learning Term 3 From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

The Overview is flexible to change as advised by the Victorian Government and CECV.

<b>Remote Learning Overview</b> For queries please email <a href="mailto:office@smseymour.catholic.edu.au">office@smseymour.catholic.edu.au</a>	
<i>Drop Off/Pick Up</i>	Please do not <i>congregate at drop off/pickups</i> or <i>enter the College unless essential</i> .
<i>Chromebooks</i>	Can be collected from the Mercy Centre this Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July from 9.00am-4.30pm
<i>Request for Onsite Supervision</i>	A CareMonkey form will be made available weekly and is to be completed by <b>1.00pm each Thursday</b> for the following week. After this time, parents will need to contact the office directly on 5792 2611. As teachers are also teaching remotely, accurate information is essential for planning of supervision requirements.
<i>F-10 Remote Learning Program</i>	<b>Primary and Secondary Infographs</b> will be emailed today and available on the College website.
<i>College Contacts Secondary</i>	In the first instance please contact the subject teacher for learning issues and the Homeroom Teacher or Level Coordinator for wellbeing matters.
<i>College Contacts Primary</i>	In the first instance contact the class teacher for learning or wellbeing issues.
<i>General queries</i>	Please email <a href="mailto:office@smseymourcatholic.edu.au">office@smseymourcatholic.edu.au</a> and your email will be directed to the appropriate staff member.
<i>College Counsellor</i>	Please email <a href="mailto:counsellor@smseymour.catholic.edu.au">counsellor@smseymour.catholic.edu.au</a> for referrals.
<i>Face Masks</i>	Are optional but not supplied by the College.
<i>IT Device Support</i>	For support please email <a href="mailto:ict@smseymour.catholic.edu.au">ict@smseymour.catholic.edu.au</a>
<i>Student Absences</i>	Normal procedures apply by informing the College Office.
<i>Staff returning phone calls and emails</i>	Please be patient for a return phone call and or email. The staff member will phone and or email you as soon as possible and in consideration of any prior follow up that is required.
<b>Online learning @SMC Infographic - Weekday Routine Summary</b> <b>NOTE: full infographics will be emailed separately</b> For queries please email <a href="mailto:office@smseymour.catholic.edu.au">office@smseymour.catholic.edu.au</a>	
Level	Subheadings
<i>Primary Students &amp; Parents</i>	Google Meet; Google Classroom; G Mail; Student Work; Homeroom and Team Video Conferencing; Google Meet Times; Daily Structure. Clothing; Etiquette; Learning Space; Managing Learning Time; Equipment; Your Health.
<i>Secondary Students &amp; Parents</i>	Starting the Day; SIMON; Google Meet; Google Classroom; Timetable; Points to Remember; Need Technical Help? Online Remote Learning; Managing Your Time; Routines; Your Clothing; Your Learning Space; Your Equipment; Your Etiquette.

### Excursions Term Three

Most excursions, incursions and camps for Term Two and Three are cancelled. The following will be rescheduled if possible: *Year 7 Camp*; *Music incursion for the primary students*; *Foundation to Year 4 Health program incursion*; *Excursion for the Junior Primary students* and *Excursions for the Year 7 and 8 students*. Information about whether these activities proceed will not be available until Term Four, as this will be dependent on booking availability and whether COVID-19 restrictions are still in place at the time. The College has processed the rebate for the Year 3/4 Camp and will rebate the cost of the confirmed cancelled activities from the Excursion/Camp Levy. These rebates will be processed during August and will appear on your fee statement. If you have any questions please contact Felicity Melville, College Business Manager at [felicity.melville@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:felicity.melville@smseymour.catholic.edu.au)



The Marian will be replaced by Covid-19 Updates for Term 3. Staff and parents will be invited to add photos; funny stories and points of interest by emailing [marian@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:marian@smseymour.catholic.edu.au) It is important for the College community to connect and share the Remote Learning journey.

**Thank you**

A few plates full of morning tea arrived this week. A kind and thoughtful act. Thank you to the College mum who was so generous in thinking of the staff!

*'Do not dwell on the past - embrace the future.'* Words of wisdom for us all!

Best wishes and stay well.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Wayne Smith**  
**Principal**

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