



Friday 31st July 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Covid-19 Update No.13

*Awareness.
Social distancing.
Facemasks 12 years and over.
Enter College grounds only if essential.
The safest place is at home.*



*The Frail and Critically Ill
God of Love and Mercy,
you inspired Catherine
McAuley to serve your Son
by responding to the needs
of Her time.*

*Moved by Her care for the
sick, we ask that through Her prayers you reach out with your
healing love and restore those in Aged Care and ICU Wards
to full health. We ask this in complete
confidence through Jesus Christ, Your Son
Amen.*



*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'.*

Week Three

Wonderful weather this week!

Victoria is taking a hit at the moment. Covid-19 is not selective and taking its toll on the frail and those in Aged Care. Our thoughts and prayers are with those residents and all who support them in so many different ways. Let us also pray for those sons and daughters who cannot visit their parents.

Our students are resilient or perhaps like we adults, learning what resilience means when life's highway requires a major detour. Our teaching and Wellbeing staff are keeping close tabs on students and checking that they are coping amidst the isolation. Our staff are doing a magnificent job. There are regular Google Meets of staff teams discussing student learning and pastoral needs. The pastoral care of staff during these remote and onsite learning times is as important as working with and caring for the students. There are weekly pastoral checks on staff – they too have families and loved ones in care. It is clear that we are all better placed for remote learning even with the inconveniences and difficulties it causes. *We are as a College community taking the glass half full approach, which is so important for younger ears to hear.*

There are more schools closing due to positive or associated transmissions. St Mary's is following DHHS and CECV hygiene protocols. If there were a positive or related transmission at the College, we would be contacted by DHHS and CECV to enact the plan to inform the College community for tracing and deep cleaning. Thank you for following the onsite restrictions – it all helps.

This coming Monday Mrs Tampion and I look forward to, via a Google Meet, meeting with the Senior Student Leaders to chat on how life is treating them and discuss their view of how remote learning is progressing for them and their peers.

McIntyre and Crawford Corner Bus Stop

Public Transport Victoria will be upgrading the bust stop from 3rd to the 7th of August to provide a concrete area and tactile ground surface indicators to assist the vision impaired.



Mrs Patricia Potbury

On behalf of our College community our thoughtful Office team organised a gift pack for Mrs Potbury to thank her for the mask making.

The staff look great wearing her creations.

Bandwidth

Telstra have increased the bandwidth connection to the College from 100 to 200 megabytes to cope with onsite connectivity. With the increase in video conferencing and general usage the bandwidth on site has struggled to cope with the amount of online traffic. This increase will provide better delivery of Google Meets.

Primary Learning Centre

Mission 2020 the title for the Primary Learning Centre Project is now at the pointy end. The past 12 months is best described as teamwork. ROAM architects have been tremendous in their professionalism, vision, listening and understanding that our budget for the project is limited and Stephanie Wood from CEM has been outstanding in her professional guidance and insight of all aspects for the project. Finalising of classrooms for outfitting will be discussed next week; CEM and government compliances are almost complete and the final link in the chain is to complete the tender documents.

<i>Onsite Supervision</i>	Email Information office@smseymourcatholic.edu.au Forms must be into the Office by 1.00pm each Thursday via CareMonkey <i>The Office must be informed if you want to change your designated dates for students as there are limited one on one devices available.</i>
<i>Secondary Contacts</i>	In the first instance please contact the subject teacher for learning issues and the Homeroom Teacher or Level Coordinator for wellbeing matters.
<i>Primary Contacts</i>	In the first instance contact the class teacher for learning or wellbeing issues.
<i>General queries</i>	office@smseymourcatholic.edu.au and will be directed to the staff member.
<i>Counsellor</i>	Please email counsellor@smseymour.catholic.edu.au for referrals.
<i>IT Helpdesk</i>	For support please email ictsupport@smseymour.catholic.edu.au



Late Night Visitors

During this year the College has had a few young people who visited the College grounds and seemingly lost their compass directions – the Police have helped them reset their radars. A new approach to security!

Best wishes and stay well.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Smith".

Wayne Smith Principal

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