

18 November 2020

Dear Emmaus family and friends

I write as a follow up to my brief email earlier this afternoon regarding the SA Government's announcement of a 6 day 'hard-lockdown' across South Australia from midnight tonight. My intention in this correspondence to only focus on the school specific aspects of this announcement.

In principle the directive from the Government is clear - **if you or your children are able to remain home for the next 6 days you must do so.**

Consistent with the above directive, the Government stated that **all schools and early learning centres** across the state **will be closed** for the next 6 days (up to and including Tuesday 24th November). Consistent with this directive the majority of Emmaus teaching and administrative staff will also not be physically present at the Emmaus campuses (minimising transmission possibilities).

Although it is extremely important for children to remain home too as a part of this hard lockdown requirement, the Government acknowledges that there may be circumstances where no other option for care is available. The Government announced a very specific definition of 'Essential Workers' today which was much more specific than previously used earlier in the year.

If you qualify under this criteria as an 'Essential Worker' and there are no other care arrangements for your child(ren) available to you during the school day, Emmaus will be able to arrange supervision during normal school hours this Thursday or Friday at South Plympton only. It is important to understand:

- No educational programs will be delivered on site during these days as there will only be a skeleton staff at the College (not necessarily teachers)
- There will be no College bus service operating over these days
- There will be no canteen or OSHC services operating over these days
- This service will only be available to School students at the South Plympton Campus (any Brooklyn Park families requiring this service will need to drop their children off at South Plympton)
- Children will need to bring quiet individual activities to occupy them while being supervised during the day.

If you qualify as an 'Essential Worker' under the Government criteria and there no other care arrangements available to you, can you **immediately** contact Debby Scheepers (by phone on 8292 3820 or by return email dscheepers@emmauscc.sa.edu.au) notifying her which children will be in attendance at South Plympton across either Thursday or Friday? Students in attendance are asked to 'sign-in' each morning at Student Services where they will be directed to their supervision location during the day.

Although the ELC at Brooklyn Park is being treated the same way under this Government directive, Lauren Hughes (Director) will personally contact all families and make the necessary arrangements with you.

Over the next 24 hours each College Head of School will follow up with you providing more sub school specific information regarding learning programs students are able to engage with during this period of physical absence from school.



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As the reality and additional implication of this situation further become evident, including arrangements following this Friday and next Tuesday, I will once again be in contact with you. Rest assured, we are all in this together, not just as proud South Australians but as brothers and sisters in Christ. My prayers extend to the safety of you and your children at this challenging time.

Blessings

Andrew Linke
Principal