



20th July 2021

Dear Emmaus families and friends

As you are most likely aware, this morning the SA Premier announced that from 6pm today (Tuesday 20th July 2021) South Australia is entering a period of 7 days hard lockdown including **schools being closed**. Effectively a **'stay-at-home'** order has been declared with very few legitimate reasons to leave the home. The goal is to eliminate all non-essential travel and associated personal interaction in all forms. It is my prayer that such swift and decisive action will halt the spread of this highly contagious COVID variant within our community.

The Premier has declared tomorrow (Wednesday) a 'Pupil Free' day across all the schools in the State to allow school staff to prepare for remote learning arrangements (which will commence on Thursday 22nd July). Therefore, no student supervision or curriculum delivery offerings (including remote) will be available tomorrow (Wednesday 21st July). Consistent with the 'stay-at-home' orders, Emmaus teaching staff will also not be permitted to be on the school site following 6pm tonight. Although it is my prayer this lockdown will produce the required outcome allowing students to physically return to school next Wednesday, I will provide further information closer to this date. Please respect that based on previous experience, it is unlikely further information will be provided by the Government in relation to this earlier than next Tuesday afternoon (hence there is little value in contacting the school directly any earlier).

Where no other in-home supervision arrangements are available for younger students between Thursday 22nd and Tuesday 27th July, eligible and approved 'essential workers' children can be supervised at the South Plympton Campus only (including for Brooklyn Park families) between 8.30am and 4.00pm. It is important to understand that:

- A registration and essential worker declaration form must be obtained and approved from Debby Scheepers prior to this service being accessed (for each day required). Please contact Debby on 8292 3820 to arrange this prior to the day(s) required so supervision arrangements can be made in advance.
- During this time students will not be 'taught' by their teacher(s) but supervised while undertaking their remote learning activities.
- Bus, Canteen and OSHC services are not operating during this time of lock down.
- This service is not available at the Brooklyn Park campus. Brooklyn Park families can register for this service at the South Plympton campus.

By the end of tomorrow (Wednesday) each Sub School Head (Junior, Middle and Senior) as well as the ELC Director will provide families with a further letter outlining the nature and arrangements for remote learning commencing from this Thursday morning. Please direct all questions regarding this aspect directly with respective Head of School / ELC Director.

The Emmaus ELC at Brooklyn Park is NOT having a Pupil Free day tomorrow (Wednesday), however consistent with the 'stay-at-home' order from 6pm today, only eligible children of essential workers can attend the ELC from tomorrow (Wednesday) through to next Tuesday. Please contact Lauren Hughes (ELC Director) directly to discuss eligibility prior to attendance on 8292 3890.

With respect to any Canteen pre orders you may have made using the Qkr app for the next 7 days, can I please ask that you cancel them from your end before tomorrow morning? The funds will be reimbursed to the Qkr student profile for later use. Also, any orders placed with the Uniform Shop using the Qkr app will be available for pick up when school recommences.

Additionally, our usual Week 1 College Newsletter will be delayed this week due to these current COVID circumstances. We are yet to decide if this will come out in Week 2 or be deferred to Week 3 to restore the usual two weekly pattern.



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Finally, I appreciate how challenging these current circumstances are for us all. Sometimes our children can especially struggle in ways we may not anticipate. I remind you of the ability of all students to gain counselling and chaplaincy support over this next week via our on-line College wellbeing portal (<https://emmauscc.sa.edu.au/life-learning/student-wellbeing>). Please discuss this with your child(ren) to remind them of this important College service at this time of isolation.

My prayers extend to you and your family at this challenging time.

Blessings,

Andrew Linke
Principal