



Thursday 19 November 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I pray that you and your family are safe and well. Following on from my hastily prepared email yesterday afternoon, I wish to communicate with you once again to clarify the outcomes for our community due to the state-wide lockdown announced yesterday.

I want to thank all of our students and families for the way you transitioned from school to home yesterday after receiving the news. It was calm and safe.

South Australia's six-day state-wide lockdown will continue until midnight Tuesday 24 November. As the Premier has stated, at this point we do not know what restrictions will look like beyond that date.

At this time, your child's wellbeing is our priority. Our staff and school leaders are here to support you and your child.

As previously advised today and tomorrow – 19 and 20 November 2020 – the school will be closed except for care of the children of essential workers.

From Monday 23 November we will provide online learning through Gleeson Connect-Ed. Information regarding this will be sent separately. We will keep you informed if there are any government changes that impact on how our school operates next week.

The continuity of learning for all of our students is of the utmost importance. Children and young people are used to the structure of school and it is important that they have as much routine and certainty as possible in their day. Therefore, we will look to providing an online environment that replicates as best as possible their normal school day. Please note though, that there will be differences in routine for students at various year levels. All students, irrespective of age, need to have regular breaks from a screen and from being seated for long periods of time.

While staff and students may be undertaking work out of working hours, online interaction will only occur during the usual parameters of our school operating hours. You can learn more about [developing an online routine](#) at the learning online website.

Please note the following:

- If you are intending to send your child to school, please let us know by ringing the College on 8282 6600 or via email to [info@gleeson.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@gleeson.catholic.edu.au).
- From Monday 23 November students will resume formal learning through the school's online platform, SEQTA.
- Those children and young people of essential workers attending school will also be undertaking online learning, supported and supervised by school staff. Teachers are not expected to provide different learning experiences for students who physically attend school.

I understand that this may be a difficult time for you and your family and I wish to reassure you that the staff of the school will do their utmost to support your child as we navigate the next weeks.

You can contact your child's teacher(s) via email.

If you have a general enquiry you can also contact the school at 8282 6600 or [info@gleeson.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@gleeson.catholic.edu.au).

Catholic Education South Australia is also providing regular updates at [www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/alerts](http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/alerts).

Thank you once again for your support in this lock down period.

Kind regards,

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