



St Mary MacKillop College

CHOOSE LIFE WITH COURAGE

3 February 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and students,

Thank you all for your patience and understanding in this difficult time. While it would be unwise to predict what will happen in the coming days, we have been meeting remotely with College Leadership to plan for a range of possibilities.

The Premier indicated at his Press Conference today that if the current trend continued he was 'confident' the lockdown will be lifted from 6pm this Friday 5 February. He stated that if this was the case then schools would open on Monday, but warned that some restrictions may still apply to continue to keep the community safe. These restrictions/conditions are not likely to be announced until Friday afternoon.

IF lockdown is lifted and students and staff are allowed to return, all students in Years 1-12 will start on Monday 8 February 2021, with Pre-Kindy and Kindy students to start on their original allocated day/days of the week.

- Year 7 students are to assemble in the College Gymnasium and will participate in the Orientation Program as planned for their first day.

Other year groups will start Monday as follows:

- Kindy – to go to their classrooms (only Students in Courtney Keedwell and Josette Bayliss's classes commence Monday, students in Natalie Power's class start on Wednesday as planned).
- Pre-Primary to Year 6 to go to their classrooms
- Year 8 – To gather in the undercover area near the canteen
- Year 9 – To gather in Rooms 25 & 26
- Year 10 - To gather outside rooms 28-31
- Year 11 - To gather upstairs in Rooms A5-A6
- Year 12 - To gather in the Multipurpose Room

College staff have been working diligently to have Course Material and programs on SEQTA. Year 11 and 12 students should now be able to log on to SEQTA and look at material to be introduced in the coming weeks, allowing them to start their preparation.

We have been able to reschedule the Year 12 Ball from this Friday to 5 March 2021, and we will let you know about the status of the Parent Information Nights (PINs) as soon as we receive clarity about any community restrictions. More details will be sent following the Premier's announcements on Friday 5 February.

Given that the current lockdown arrangements were implemented with only a few hours notice, we are conscious that we need to be ready to respond quickly. So College staff are also preparing for Remote Learning should this be required. There is no indication this will be the case, but we are confident that the College's Remote Learning structures are sound and ready. It is our hope that we will all be back on Monday and these structures will not be needed.

Thank you so much for your support. To keep our five-day lockdown in perspective, we only need to look at what other states have been through, and to the bushfire emergency in the northern Perth area.

I look forward to further updating you at the end of the week.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Norton', written in a cursive style.

Frank Norton
PRINCIPAL