

20 July 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

No doubt you would be well aware of the impending lockdown and may well have seen Mike Potter's video explaining Tyndale's approach to it. If you have not, please take the time to watch it here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqZ1u0n8to>

Above everything over the coming week, please look after each other. These are difficult times that affect each person differently, so you and your family's well-being needs to take priority over anything else.

From our previous lockdowns last year we know that supervising learning at home can be a challenge for parents, just as completing learning at home is a challenge for students. The timing of this lockdown and where it has fallen at the start of a new semester has added a new challenge for staff and we have taken this into account in relation to what we are expecting the students to do over the next week at home.

Your child can expect an email from their Pastoral Care teacher tomorrow – Wednesday 21 July 2021, so please ensure that they check their emails on their laptop. There will be a Zoom link provided because we are requiring a check in and roll call for every student at 9:00 am each school day of lockdown. This will be a time where your child's teacher will check in on the well-being of the class, do a devotions with them and answer any questions about work set that the students may have. As well as this, teachers will be providing Maths Pathway and English work for each student to complete from home. This will be either through our online learning platform, Canvas, or via email. In the short term, this will get the students back into "learning mode" and set them up for a positive start to the term. If the lockdown is extended beyond early next week we will then add more subjects and tasks to what we are requiring from your child.

As well as school work, encourage your child to get involved in activities over the next week that go beyond looking at a screen. Reading a book, playing a board game as a family, playing cards or walking the dog together are all really valuable activities that can maximise time at home. Ask your child how they are going, what they are worried about and how they are dealing with the changes we are seeing in the world at present. Their answers may surprise you! If you or your child requires support from our counsellors or family support workers, please click this link <https://se.tyndale.sa.edu.au/wellbeing/>. They will be working from home and will be able to connect if required.



We are hopeful that we will return to face-to-face learning next Wednesday 28 July 2021 and we look forward to welcoming students back to school at this time. We are so thankful of your continued support and wish you and your family every blessing as you navigate this unusual start to the term.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns about your child's learning.

Yours sincerely

Phil Jones
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