



20 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

South Australian Lockdown

The first time I wrote to you about COVID-19 was on 16 March 2020, after the World Health Organisation declared a world-wide pandemic on 12 March 2020. So, in one sense, I am thankful we have reached this point in South Australia, and it is only our second lockdown.

I hope that you are reading this letter with your family surrounding you in the relative safety and comfort of your home and you are all keeping healthy and well. Please let us know how you are managing during this time of lockdown.

We want to remain caring for you and your children, even though we cannot meet as a community at school during the next seven days. In support of this, the Wellbeing Team will continue to monitor notifications and follow up with a call or Zoom, if you use the website form; see link below. Anyone can click on either the Friend/Parent/Self/Staff concern button on the site.

<https://st.tyndale.sa.edu.au/wellbeing/>

If you have not already watched Head of Schools, Mike Potter's video, please do make it a priority to see it. You can access it via Tyndale Christian School's social media or this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqZTu0n8to>

Accompanying my letter are documents from the Junior, Middle and Senior School teams, to help you and your children commence Term 3 learning at home. ELC Director, Kelly Carter will communicate directly with ELC children's families. Please prepare for your child's learning activities, as best you can. We know they will need encouragement, clear expectations and feedback as they face these new experiences with you. To maintain student learning and for us to monitor student engagement, please ensure you and/or your child follow the teacher instructions provided daily.

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What's happening at School?

As per Mike Potter's video, you must use the booking form if you are an essential worker and have no other choice but to send your child to school on Wednesday to Friday this week, 21-23 July, or Monday and Tuesday, 26-27 July, next week. Here is the link to the booking form again:

<https://bit.ly/36IPRka>

We will have the necessary number of staff on site to care for the children who must be here, plus to keep the main school phone monitored. Again, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, I hope we all have our faith firmly in God during this time and I pray you and your families all remain safe and well. We will provide updates as we receive further decisions from SA Health, the Department of Education and the Association of Independent Schools SA.

May we all be back at school in more typical routines, as soon as possible!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Cheesman'.

Sam Cheesman
Principal

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