



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Merbein

Reg. No. 1277

Sunday, 2nd August, 2020

Dear Parents and Families,

As you have probably heard, it was announced today that we will be returning to Stage 3 restrictions in Victoria from Wednesday. While this is disappointing and a little daunting, I think we all know that it is necessary to put an end to this pandemic once and for all!

School will continue as normal for tomorrow, with a Pupil-free day on Tuesday. From Wednesday, we will begin learning from home once again. Teachers will prepare some hard copy, take-home work for students to complete on Wednesday to Friday, then on **Monday, 10th of August, we will resume online learning.** Our website will remain the same format as in our first online learning phase so will be easy for parents to navigate. We will resend the relevant instructions and information needed to access the website out to parents before next Monday. Those who need assistance with the provision of technology will again be accommodated.

For those families who have both parents working in essential services, as well as for those students who are considered vulnerable, **school-based learning will be available from this Wednesday, 5th of August.** All students who attended school during the first closure will again be eligible to attend. As mentioned above, this will be hard copy work for the remainder of this week and online content from Monday next week.

There will be further announcements from the Premier regarding businesses tomorrow, so I am aware that some families will not know their circumstances or the impact of the restrictions at this point on their capabilities for providing learning at home. **I ask that all families who need their children to attend school this week please contact the school tomorrow, or as soon as you are able, so that we can appropriately organise staff rosters for supervision of learning.**

It is really important that we all stay positive during this next phase of restrictions, although I realise how stressful and daunting the situation can be for parents, students and school staff. But, if we learned anything from our first closure, it is that we are capable of doing this! Parents were fantastic leaders of learning for their children then and I know you can do it again! All staff at OLSH will again support you in this journey and together we will make sure that our students remain the resilient, motivated learners they have proven themselves to be!

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact me tomorrow.

Yours sincerely and with many thanks for your patience,

Narelle Gallagher.