



Swifts Creek

P-12 SCHOOL

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May 27, 2021

Dear Parents and students

As you are aware our Government has switched to a state wide response to meet the latest challenge with the world pandemic. We have a seven day period of lockdown, with the following being the only reasons to leave home.

Stay at home unless:

- shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required)
- caregiving or compassionate reasons
- authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate
- exercise (up to two hours, with one other person or members of your household)
- receive a vaccination
- other specified reasons (specific exemptions apply)

So this means that we will return to learning from home.

Tomorrow will be declared a state wide Pupil Free Day. This means that students will have a day at home tomorrow and that they will not need to do any school work. Teachers will use this day to organise work for the Monday through to Thursday of next week, with students hopefully back at school next Friday.

Last year we were able to use a combination of methods to support students with their learning, including hard copy packs of material, learning tasks distributed via Teams, and Webex for video conferencing to support real time learning. These last methods do rely on all students having access to technology. If the lockdown continues beyond the Thursday we will then distribute technology to those who require it.

For our senior students, arrangements will be made to allow you to complete scheduled assessment tasks within the necessary timeframes, so just keep in touch via Teams for further information.

As was the case last year, children of essential workers or vulnerable students will be provided with the opportunity to attend school and supported to do the learning they would be doing at home. I do understand the problem with tomorrow being declared Pupil Free and so little notice. If you need to send your child to school please contact us today so we can have teachers present to cater for these students.

Bus runs will continue.

The changed conditions require masks to be worn as it was last year and if you are not well to be tested and stay at home until you get the all clear.



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Students who have been working with Lauren Short can contact her through the details she has provided, or can ring the school so that we can put you in contact with Lauren.

The need to restrict movements across the state reflects the numbers involved, so if we all play our part we can get back to us all being together again.

We will use the school website, text messages and emails to keep you informed about the changes that we will have to operate under. I do appreciate that for many this is not what we wanted but as we found last year, when we work together in a positive manner we will continue to achieve the best outcomes possible.

Yours sincerely

Robert Boucher
Principal