

# IONA COLLEGE

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A Catholic Boys' College conducted by The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

31 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Queensland Government has this morning directed that 11 LGAs in South-East Queensland will enter a 3-day lockdown from 4pm today (until 4pm Tuesday). During the lockdown, residents in the impacted areas can only leave home for one of four reasons:

- Buy essentials such as grocery and medications.
- Work if you can't work from home. Attend school if you are a child of essential workers.
- Exercise within 10km of your residence.
- Access healthcare.

More information from Queensland Health regarding the lockdown and exposure sites can be accessed [here](#).

As a result of the Government's direction the following arrangements will be in place on Monday and Tuesday for students and families.

- The College will be open to children of essential workers. These boys will be supervised while undertaking classwork in one of three venues including: Oblate Hall, the College Library or Lecture Theatre. (Please use this [link](#) to the parent survey to let us know that your son will need to attend school on Monday and Tuesday.)
- The College will have a cleaner onsite to regularly clean these venues and other areas used by the students and staff.
- Students who are attending school on Monday and Tuesday in Years 7-12 will be required to bring and wear a mask (unless exempt). While it is not necessary for students in Years 5 or 6 to wear a mask, in the interest of health and safety where they are able to do so, we encourage our Years 5 and 6 students to wear a mask.
- The College will host 'At Home Learning' on Monday and Tuesday and work will be able to be accessed by students via the Compass portal.
- Some staff will offer an interactive Teams learning experience on Monday while others will do so on Tuesday. Details of teachers' expectations will be posted in the Compass portal.
- Year 10 Students will be expected to login to a Teams presentation on Monday, 2 August at 12.00pm. The presentation, on homilies will be hosted by Fr Michael.
- All sports training and co-curricular activities scheduled to take place on Monday or Tuesday have been cancelled.

In addition to these arrangements above, the Iona Ladies Lunch which was due to take place tomorrow at the Waterloo Bay Hotel will be postponed with further details to follow. In partnership with Iona and the P&F Association, the hotel has invested significantly into the planning and preparation for this event in catering for

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500 Ionians. If you are able over the next few days, particularly tonight, please support The Waterloo Bay during this difficult time by ordering from their takeaway or delivery menu.

The Waterloo Bay Hotel takeaway menu can be accessed at: [Waterloo Bay Hotel Takeaway Menu](#). The Waterloo Bay Hotel delivery menu can be found at: [Waterloo Bay Hotel Takeaway in Brisbane | Delivery Menu & Prices | Uber Eats](#)

The P & F Meeting scheduled for Monday, 2 August will also be postponed.

We are hopeful that this period of lockdown will be brief and that we will once again be able to move more freely as of 4.00pm Tuesday, 3 August. In the meantime, in the Oblate sense of community, we request that you remain connected with each other so that we can work together during this period of time. I remind you that there are people available to provide support. Please feel free to reach out to your son's Head of House, our Heads of Wellbeing or our College Counsellors if you require pastoral support, or to class teachers, the Heads of Faculty or Heads of Teaching and Learning across the primary, middle and senior years if you have curriculum concerns. Should you need to contact us at the College on Monday and Tuesday the College administration number will be staffed as usual.

Of course, Fr Michael remains available for the spiritual needs of any member of our community. He can be contacted through his email at [mtwigg@iona.qld.edu.au](mailto:mtwigg@iona.qld.edu.au) While he is unable to celebrate Mass publicly tomorrow morning, Fr Michael will be offering his own personal Mass for all members of our community and anyone who has been impacted by COVID-19.

Our Christian and Oblate tradition is one of hope and at this time our sense of hope and community is important for us all as we remember to "Never worry alone". The prayers and support of the Iona community are offered to any individual or family who is, or has been, impacted by COVID-19.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on site again soon.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trevor Goodwin", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Trevor Goodwin  
Principal