

# IONA COLLEGE

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

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Queensland Government this morning announced that there have been 15 new COVID-19 cases reported in Queensland in the last 24 hours, 13 of which are community acquired. The new community cases all relate to the existing Indooroopilly cluster in South-East Queensland.

The Government continues to progressively update venue listings of exposure sites. The updated list of exposure sites is available [here](#). Please continue to access this site regularly and, as necessary, adhere to the Queensland Health advice for close contacts, casual contacts and low-risk contacts.

As a result of these new cases announced this morning, you will be aware, that the Government has determined, that the current lockdown in the impacted areas will continue until 4.00pm Sunday, 8 August 2021. This means 'At Home Learning' will continue for the rest of this week. Therefore, Iona College will continue to remain closed to all but the children of essential workers who will be supervised undertaking their 'At Home Learning' tasks in the College Library, Lecture Theatre or Oblate Hall. Those students who are on campus in Years 7-12 will be required to wear a mask at all times and students in Years 5 and 6 are also encouraged to do so in the interest of health and safety.

Throughout the day today we have had some students and parents coming onsite to collect equipment in order to engage in 'At Home Learning'. We do hope that anyone who has needed to collect items has managed to do so. From this point on, in order for us to fulfil our health and safety obligations we require anyone who is coming onsite during the lockdown period to do so via the Main Office.

Attached to this communication are two documents. The first of which is "Guidelines for Parents regarding 'At Home Learning' (AHL)" and the second is a document entitled "Principles and Guidelines for Students During 'At Home Learning' (AHL) and Wellbeing Support". The latter has been provided to students this afternoon.

These two documents provide an outline of how students can access work during the 'At Home Learning' period, our expectations of them and how parents can support students learning throughout this time. Information on how students can access academic, wellbeing, pastoral and spiritual support can also be accessed via these documents. They also contain information regarding how student attendance will be recorded over the period of 'At Home Learning'. I encourage you to read these documents.

Finally, we continue to pray for all those impacted by COVID-19 and request that you remain connected with each other. As Pope Francis said:

*"Let us stay united. Let us make those who are alone and tested feel our closeness. To the pandemic ... we want to respond with the universality of prayer, compassion and tenderness".*

Sincerely

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