

IONA COLLEGE



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

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Dear Parents and Carers

This morning the Queensland Government announced that the 11 Local Government Areas which have been under lockdown restrictions since last Saturday will today come out of lockdown as scheduled at 4.00pm this afternoon. We therefore look forward to the return of staff and students to the College as of Monday morning 9 August 2021.

As per the Government's announcement this morning there will be some new restrictions for schools. The most significant of these is the necessity for students in Years 7 - 12 to wear masks and all adults on campus to do the same. As a Years 5 - 12 College concerned with the health and safety of all on campus, we will, as of tomorrow morning, require all students in Years 5 - 12 to wear masks as part of the uniform requirement until informed otherwise. Of course, there are exceptions for students who due to medical conditions are unable to wear masks. We ask that all parents and carers of students in Years 5 - 12 ensure that their children have masks to wear while at school and that they have been taught the correct method of use.

There are further measures which the Government has put in place to for the next two weeks which will have some impact on school operations and events. The Iona Leadership Team is meeting to discuss the impact of the current restrictions on those events and further communication will be forthcoming in the next few days. The College will also continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and work to maintain an environment which is as safe as possible for our staff, students and all members of our community. We will continue to advise of changes to events, policies and procedures as necessary.

As always, the health and safety of our community is a priority and if students have or develop any flu like symptoms, please:

- Have them stay at home
- Contact your doctor or 13 HEALTH (13 4325 84) immediately to seek further advice about undertaking COVID-19 testing, stay at home and self-isolate until a negative test result is obtained

Finally, those students who come to and from school via the train as of tomorrow will notice some changes to the access from the train station to the College. The access bridge provided over the construction road has now been removed and the access to the College is through the walkway of The Provence Centre. College staff will be on hand tomorrow morning to assist students to familiarise themselves with the new access arrangements.

Thank you to everyone in our community who have supported each other during our 'At Home Learning' over the last week.

Sincerely

Trevor Goodwin
Principal