



## **Emmanuel Anglican College Community Update: 27 August 2021**

Dear students, staff and families,

The current 'Stay at Home' order covering the Local Government Areas of the Byron Shire, Richmond Valley, Lismore and Ballina has been extended until midnight on Friday 10 September 2021. All schools in NSW will continue to operate under Level 4 restrictions.

### **Onsite Supervision and After School Hours Care**

Under the current health order, all students across NSW are 'learning from home'. Onsite supervision is **ONLY** available to:

- Children of 'authorised workers' who are unable to work from home and for whom there are no other options for care of their children.
- Vulnerable children in out-of-home care, children known to child protection and other agencies and children the school identifies as vulnerable.

Under the 'Stay at Home' order, if a parent was to be working from home, the expectation is that they will not send their child to school. Students attending the College for supervision will complete the same work as provided via the online platform. I understand that as the lockdown lengthens the challenges relating to learning and working from home increase and I thank all our parents for your support of this expectation which is designed to minimise the risk of spread of the infection across the community.

All students attending the College are to be dropped off and picked up from the main entrance adjacent to the College Office. Supervision will be provided from 8.15am until 3.30pm. Students onsite later than 3.30pm will join the After College Hours Care program. Secondary students must wear a mask at all times if attending the campus.

### **Continuation of Home Based Learning for students in Kindergarten to Year 12**

The College will continue with the delivery of learning remotely using the following platforms:

- Year 12 will continue undertaking the HSC Trial Examinations remotely via Google Classroom and under 'open book' conditions.
- Year 11 lessons will continue as Timetabled via Zoom. The End of Preliminary Course Examinations will commence on 2 September and now move to an online and open book format. Further information about the examination timetable and format will be provided by the Director of Teaching and Learning, Mrs Lee Boyd.
- Students in Year 7-10 will continue to receive work via Google Classroom and will follow the roster of Zoom Question and Answer Sessions that was distributed in Week 6. An alternative 'Screen Free Friday' program will be delivered next week to give students a chance to catch up, get off their screens and do something physical and fun. This is similar to the 'Catch Up Wednesday' program adopted in the primary.
- Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 will access their work through their SeeSaw account. Year 6 can also access Google Classroom.



### **Collection of additional learning booklets for Year 1 and Year 2**

A booklet of additional learning material has been prepared for Year 1 and Year 2 which contains work that could be used over several weeks just in case the lockdown is extended even further. The packs can be collected from 9.00am on Monday morning. They will be placed in a box in the covered Parent Pickup area and available for collection all day. If you are unable to collect them on Monday, please contact Mr Cross [wcross@eac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wcross@eac.nsw.edu.au) and an alternative pick up time can be arranged.

### **Year 12 drop off of hard copies of examination responses**

Year 12 are asked to attend the Ezzy Centre on Monday 30 August between 1.00pm and 3.00pm to drop off hard copies of their examination responses. Mrs Middleton will meet students at the Ezzy Centre. All Year 12 students must wear a mask when onsite at all times.

### **The Early Learning Centre**

The Early Learning Centre will remain open for the children of authorised workers and for those that do not have any other option for care. All 'gap fees' will be waived for children not attending the service.

### **Virtual College Office**

The campus remains closed to parents and visitors. The College Office will continue in virtual mode. Contact can be made by phone on 02 6681 5054 or email via [enquiries@eac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@eac.nsw.edu.au). IT support for students is available via [helpit@eac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:helpit@eac.nsw.edu.au)

### **Wellbeing support for students**

Primary Class Teachers and Secondary Pastoral Care Teachers will continue to check in with students daily. Primary wellbeing leaders, Leaders of House and the Directors of the Primary and Secondary Schools will continue to monitor student engagement in Home Based Learning and will follow up with students and families should concerns arise. Families who are concerned about their children's wellbeing can also make contact with the relevant teachers or wellbeing leaders. The College continues to offer both Chaplaincy and School Counsellor support services.

### **General health advice**

Please stay up to date with the latest NSW Health advice <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to navigate these uncertain times together.

Your faithfully,

Robert Tobias  
Principal