



Emmanuel Anglican College Community Update: 20 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 Saturday 28 August 2021. This is in line with the state wide 'Stay at Home' order that came into effect at 5.00pm on Saturday 14 August 2021. All schools in NSW will continue to operate under Level 4 restrictions.

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
- 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 last week.
- 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 Kindergarten

A booklet of additional learning material has been prepared for Kindergarten 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 and an alternative pick up time can be arranged.

Collection of Musical Instruments

Students involved in the College Band Program or the Music Tuition Program who have instruments on site, will be able to collect them at the following times:

Primary - students may collect their instrument on Monday 23 August between 9.00am and 11.00am. Students will need to report to Mr Cross in the Innovation Centre to let him know they are on site and collecting their instrument.

Secondary - students can collect their instruments from Mr Holmes in TC6 on Tuesday 24 August between 9.00 and 11.00am. All secondary students must wear a mask when onsite at all times.

Year 12 drop off of hard copies of examination responses

Year 12 are asked to attend the Ezy Centre on Monday 23 August between 9.00am and 11.00am to drop off hard copies of their examination responses and pick up a 'Wellbeing Pack'. Mrs Middleton will meet students at the Ezy Centre. All Year 12 students must wear a mask when onsite at all times.



Supervision and After School Hours Care

Onsite supervision will continue for children of essential workers and for whom there are no other options for care. 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 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.

The Early Learning Centre

The Early Learning Centre will remain open for the children of essential 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

Wellbeing support for students

Primary Class Teachers and Secondary Pastoral Care Teachers will continue to check in with students daily. Wellbeing leaders 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 which can be found at <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