



Emmanuel Anglican College Community Update: 15 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 12.01am Sunday 22 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 are now operating 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 lessons on Monday 16 August and Tuesday 17 August will continue as Timetabled via Zoom. The HSC Trial Examinations will commence on Wednesday 18 August. The HSC Trial Examinations will be delivered via Google Classroom and move to 'open book' examinations. Further detail will be provided regarding this process on Monday 16 August.
- Year 11 lessons will continue as Timetabled via Zoom
- Students in Year 7-10 will find work on their Google Classroom and will continue to 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. Additional learning materials were sent home with Kindergarten and Year 1 last week.

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. The College is awaiting government advice regarding fees and Child Care Subsidy payments during the period of the 'Stay at Home' order. Once we have more detail, we will update our ELC families.



College Hinterland and Coastal Bus Services Suspended

The College Bus Services are suspended until the 'Stay at Home' order is lifted and the College returns to normal operation.

Virtual College Office

The campus remains closed to parents and visitors. The College Office will continue in virtual mode for the next 7 days. 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.

Supporting Year 12

Year 12 continue to remain at the forefront of our discussions as we respond to the unfolding situation. Year 12 are encouraged to continue their learning and study routines as normal and continue to prepare for the HSC Trial Examinations. The Examinations will be delivered online via Google Classroom and students will undertake the Examinations in 'open book' format. Further information and direction will be provided to Year 12 and their families on Monday 16 August 2021.

Covid19 Testing and Vaccinations

If you or a member of your family has any symptoms, no matter how mild, please get a Covid19 Test and isolate until you have received a negative result.

I also actively encourage all of those that are eligible to receive a Covid19 vaccine to make a booking and get vaccinated.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Robert Tobias
Principal