COVID19 CIRCUIT BREAKER LOCKDOWN UPDATE

Thursday 27 May 2021

Dear Parents and Families of SPA,

As you are well aware, Acting Premier James Merlino announced earlier today that Victoria would enter a circuit breaker lockdown from 11.59 pm tonight, Thursday 27 May, to 11.59 pm on Thursday 3 June.

We have since received an official directive from Mr Jim Miles, Executive Director CECV that all Catholic schools will transition to Remote and Flexible learning this Monday 31 May.

NB: To assist with preparation for this, **tomorrow Friday 28 May has been designated a Pupil-Free day** for all Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) schools. (In line with the Victorian Government schools).

As a Pupil-Free day lessons will not be planned for tomorrow as there is NO School Tomorrow in Victoria.

Camp Australia has informed our school that it WILL NOT be operating an Out of School Care program for tomorrow.

We have been directed that schools will deliver a supervision program for children of authorised and essential workers, and vulnerable children throughout the lockdown period which commences this Monday 31 May.

Camp Australia will be offering Before and After school care supervision from Monday 31 May for children of authorised and essential. (Stay tuned for further announcements from the Victorian Government as to whether you qualify as an authorised and essential worker).

In the meantime families are directed to the Remote Learning button on our school website: www.spadoreen.catholic.edu.au to access the children's online learning from next Monday.

To assist the children in their remote learning, each Year Level has sent home some basic materials today and teachers will communicate through a variety of online applications such as via their Seesaw, Google drive, Zoom, emails etc.,

Prep Year Level: Reader, Writing Book and grey lead pencil Junior Year Level: Reader, Writing Book and lined paper

Middle Year Level: Writing Book and Art Book

Senior Year Level: Literature Circle Reader and grid and lined paper

We remain confident that our Pupil Free Staff Preparation day tomorrow and our insights gained from Remote Learning in Term One and throughout last year will ensure that we are able to meet the challenges of remote and flexible learning from home.

These measures are aimed at giving health authorities the best opportunity to stop the spread of this deadly virus in our community.

Please take care.

Phil Doherty (Principal)