



31 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

St Andrew's School has been advised that a student that attended our onsite supervision program earlier in the week has tested positive for coronavirus and is awaiting confirmation from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

However, following advice from Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM), St Andrew's School will be closed from Friday 31 July for one week to complete a precautionary pandemic clean.

This closure will allow time for the school and the DHHS to work through a contact and containment strategy. Contact tracing in schools can take a couple of days and we will give up an update when it has been completed.

This includes identifying and notifying any person who has been in close recent contact with the affected student who has tested positive for COVID-19. Affected students, their families and school staff will be notified by the DHHS in the coming days and supported to ensure they understand what actions to take.

Students that attended the onsite supervision program are advised to remain at home while contact tracing occurs. They must limit movements to home-based activities and not attend public places. Remote learning will continue as usual next week. However, there will be no onsite supervision program while the school is closed.

The school will reopen on Monday 10 August.

I understand this news will be concerning for many of you. I want to assure you we are doing everything we can to contain and slow the spread of the virus and ensure the health and safety of our whole school community.

The school is being supported by the DHHS and the CEM regarding our next steps and appropriate action.

The school will update all families once the contact tracing has been completed and a decision about reopening the school facilities for students is made. We will continue to keep you informed as further updates become available.

More information regarding coronavirus and schools is available on the DHHS and CEM websites.

Yours sincerely,

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