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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

Some Latest COVID Advice

As you are aware, due to emerging changes in the COVID-19 pandemic impacting on some areas of South East Queensland, the Chief Health Officer has initiated a lockdown for 11 Queensland Local Government Areas (LGAs) which include the Lockyer Valley Regional Council and Somerset Regional Council where some of our students either reside or have departed and travelled from since 1.00am on Saturday 31 July, 2021. The lockdown in these LGAs commenced at 4.00pm on Saturday 31 July, 2021 and at this point in time is in place at least until 4.00pm on Sunday 8 August 2021.

Attendance at School outside the impacted LGAs by students residing in an impacted LGA

With the exception of students of essential workers or students considered as vulnerable, students residing within the specified LGAs should not attend school for the duration of the lockdown period and should remain at home following the requirements of the lockdown, and participate in remote learning provided by the school they are enrolled in from Tuesday 3 August 2021.

Students (grade 7-12) of essential workers or students (grade 7-12) considered as vulnerable from an impacted LGA attending a school site outside that LGA are to wear a face mask whilst attending school.

Attendance at School outside the impacted LGAs by students who have visited an impacted LGA

Again, with the exception of students of essential workers or students considered as vulnerable, students who have travelled since 1.00am on Saturday 31 July 2021, from an impacted LGA to their normal place of residence, outside the impacted LGA area, should remain at home following the requirements of the lockdown, and participate in remote learning provided by the school they are enrolled in from Tuesday 3 August 2021.

Students who visited but left an impacted LGA before 1.00am on Saturday 31 July 2021 may attend school without wearing a face mask.

Face Masks

There is now a requirement that, in the **11 affected local government areas**, all high school students (grade 7 – 12) and all staff in all schools (i.e. special, primary and secondary) are to wear **face masks** while at school. While this is a new requirement in school settings, all people aged 12 and over should already be wearing masks when out in the general population in the 11 affected LGAs.

Please also visit the Queensland Health website for further information including information about wearing face masks. <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19>

We all have a role to play to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. **If you or any members of your household develop symptoms or feel unwell, please isolate and get tested.**

Yours sincerely

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Principal