



12th February 2021

Dear parents and guardians,

Due to the Victorian State Government's announcement to put in place a Stage Four COVID lockdown for five days, Damascus College will close from Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th February. Non-essential staff and students will not be onsite for the duration of this lockdown. The College has determined that Monday 15th February will be a non-teaching day to allow the College to prepare to move to remote learning, subject to government advice.

At this stage, we are awaiting further advice from the Department of Education and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria regarding Tuesday and Wednesday and will communicate further to families on Monday.

Damascus College will provide supervision at school on Tuesday and Wednesday for students whose parents cannot work from home, and are deemed essential workers, and/or vulnerable students (students in out-of-home care, students deemed by Child Protection/Family Services to be at risk of harm and students identified by the school as vulnerable for reasons of violence, homelessness, mental health or disability). Please complete the survey below if you fall within this category:

<https://forms.gle/udQwYCmeRNGb3ksd8>

Year 7 camp cannot go ahead as planned from Monday to Wednesday, and we will provide further advice regarding Thursday and Friday.

The rowing regatta scheduled for tomorrow at Lake Wendouree has been cancelled. We also apologise for the short notice of the cancellation of Tennis this afternoon.

Students who were not at school today will have the opportunity to collect resources from their locker by appointment next week.

On Monday, we encourage students to complete any homework assigned to them and to use this time to invest in their own studies.

We will provide further communication as soon as it becomes available.

Please stay safe, and we hope this action will see us back together as a community soon.

Kind Regards

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