



# St Catherine of Siena School

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27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As you would be aware, the state government has made some significant announcements today in relation to lockdown due to the number of COVID 19 community cases and exposure sites. Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Acting Premier has announced that all schools will be closed Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May for a school closure day and then closed from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May until midnight on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June during which time children will be engaged in remote learning. This will mean that there is **no school Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May for any children at all** and only limited places available on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June or Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

The purpose of these new arrangements is to limit the number of people moving across these exposure sites in order to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). It is, however, important that onsite supervision be maintained for some students. Children able to attend school from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June or Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June include:

- students, who for many reasons, would be deemed to be vulnerable and therefore need the support that onsite provision enables
- those children whose parents are approved workers AND have no one else to mind them.

While I know that this lockdown places an additional burden on families, I am unable to enrol children to attend school during this time if there is someone available to look after them.

The new arrangements relating to children attending St Catherine of Siena are set out in detail below.

## **Remote Arrangements from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May– 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

From Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May, our school will be moving to onsite supervision for only a minimal number of students. This will mean that most students will once again be at home except those few students requiring onsite schooling. (see categories above)

Parents who wish to enrol their child for onsite supervision from the 31<sup>st</sup> May are asked to complete the attached form and email it back to me by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 4pm so that we can make the arrangements to have the required number of staff at school to supervise them.

All children accepted for Onsite Remote Learning will, on most occasions, be in a central area with all other children and not necessarily have their own teacher to supervise them. All children attending onsite will need to have their own snack, lunch and drink bottle. They will be able to wear warm casual clothes and not their school uniform.

Due to the timeframe we have had to prepare for this lockdown there will not be remote learning on Seesaw as was implemented in 2020. For the 5 school days that children will be at home in lockdown the following items will be sent home for your children.

- Take home readers
- RE activity
- Reading Egg Activities (Prep – Year 3), Reading Book if necessary
- Handwriting books
- Writing Book
- Maths Seeds (Prep – Year 6)
- Maths Activities / worksheets, Maths Book if necessary
- Children will need to be given login details for both Reading Eggs and Maths Seeds if they will be using this

**If your child was away on Thursday 27th May and unable to take work and their books home this will be left in the office in labelled envelopes for you to collect on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May so please come in wearing a mask to pick this up at some stage.**

**Children Onsite will:**

- \*attend during normal school hours
- \*not be able to bring sport equipment from home but will have access to school equipment which will be cleaned after each break
- \*have access to hand sanitiser on entry to the school and each space
- \*need to bring their own lunch as the canteen will not be available
- \*need to bring their own drink bottles as the taps will not be available, we do have bottle fillers around the school so these can be refilled throughout the day as required

**Drop Off and Pick Up**

- \*all children attending onsite will need to be walked into the Prep basketball court area by a parent or carer where their attendance will be checked on the list for that day.
- \*they will wait in this same area at the end of the day and be picked up from here. Gates 1 under the electronic sign will be the only open access point both in the morning and afternoon

**Further Information**

All the latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools is available on the Catholic Education Melbourne website: [www.cem.edu.au/Coronavirus.aspx](http://www.cem.edu.au/Coronavirus.aspx). This information forms the basis for all school decisions.

Victoria's Chief Health Officer has confirmed that the use of face masks or coverings by adults is necessary both inside and outside. Children at primary school do NOT need to wear one unless they, or you, wish them to. Staff actively engaged in teaching are not required to wear a face mask but may choose to do so.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus). I will continue to communicate new information to you via email or Operoo as it is received so please make sure that you have access to both of these so that you do not miss important information.

And, finally, a reminder that if you, your child or a family member develop symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, or loss of smell or taste, you should get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home until you receive a negative test result.

Lastly can I say a heartfelt thankyou to everyone for their thoughts and support throughout this period. We had all hoped that we would not be in this situation again, however here we are. We are all being asked to do what we can to support each other and I have no doubt whatsoever that we will all continue to make decisions which do just that.

My thoughts and well wishes go out to each and every one of you and your families.

God bless and stay safe

Yours sincerely



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## ON-SITE SCHOOL INTENTIONS FORM Week effective 31st May 2021

Family Name		First Name	
Daytime Phone No.		Email Address	

Reason for attending on-site schooling* (please provide a brief explanation)	
I am an approved worker and no other arrangements can be made to supervise my child	<input type="radio"/>
My child has been identified a vulnerable child:	<input type="radio"/>

I intend to send my child to school on the following days (please indicate morning/ afternoon or both):

	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May		Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June		Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Student Name / Names	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Signature

Date

Please return this form to Carmel Marantelli via [principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au) by 4pm on Friday 28th May so that the appropriate arrangements can be made.