



Monday 31 May

Dear parents and carers,

I trust the first day of remote and flexible learning has gone well? Today's update will be short as there has been no new information from the Department of Education and Training regarding whether or not this current lockdown will be extended beyond Thursday. I am sure you will have seen there have been 11 new cases in the past 24 hours. This increase on previous days is concerning and indicates the seriousness of this current outbreak. While I cannot yet say with any certainty the current lockdown will be extended, it is clear the State Government will take a cautious approach to the easing of restrictions. I will continue to update the Castlemaine Secondary College community as information comes to hand.

The Leadership Team and various other staff at Castlemaine Secondary College have today met to discuss the impact of any extension to the current lockdown. This discussion has included consideration of upcoming events including the Year 10 and 11 exams, the General Achievement Test (GAT), our report writing day and the commencement of Semester 2 classes. Also discussed was any upcoming camps and excursions.

Without firm advice about an end date for the lockdown and what restrictions may be in place after Thursday 3 June I cannot provide definitive advice about possible changes to these events. I can assure you we are planning for a range of scenarios and will be ready to act when announcements are made. I look forward to being able to provide further certainty for families in the coming days.

Please let us know if your child requires any extra support during remote learning. A member of our wellbeing team will be on-site each day to provide remote support for students who need it.

I also encourage you to contact teachers via email or XUNO messaging. If you can't make contact with a teacher, or if you're not sure who you should speak to regarding an inquiry, then please contact Reception via telephone (5479 1111) or email (castlemaine.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au).

My next update to parents and carers will be on **Tuesday 1 June**.

Stay home, stay safe and I look forward to welcoming all students back on-site very soon.

Regards,

Simon Wood
Acting Principal – Castlemaine Secondary College