



12 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are probably aware, this afternoon Premier Andrews announced a five day, Stage Four lockdown of the entire state from midnight tonight until the end of the day on Wednesday.

I have just received official advice from the Department of Education and Training about what this means for schools. Please note:

- All schools across Victoria will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The only exception to this will be the provision for us to supervise any children of essential services workers who cannot remain at home. There will be a small number of staff at school to facilitate this. Busses will run as normal for these students. All other staff and students must remain at home and abide by the Stage 4 restrictions.
- Given the short duration of this lockdown and the short notice for all concerned, we will not be able to provide the same level of remote learning as that delivered during the extended lockdowns of 2020. However, I have asked teachers to send a reminder home of work that can be completed during the first few days of next week. I also asked students via a PA announcement at the end of the day to take home any materials they need for current homework tasks.
- Teachers will send home a reminder of work that can be completed via one or more of the following means:
 - o Google Classrooms
 - o Direct emails to students
 - o Direct emails to parents
 - o XUNO messages
- Teachers will need some time on Monday morning to message their students and

provide work, so students should check their classrooms after lunch on Monday and again on Tuesday and Wednesday morning to see if any further messages have come through.

- Again, given the duration and short notice of this lockdown, I do not want to cause undue stress to students or teachers about work needing to be completed during these three days. My message to students and their families is to do the best you can but not to put undue pressure on yourselves. We will continue to support all students with their learning catch-up when they return to school on Thursday.

Please email the school (castlemaine.sc@education.vic.gov.au) or phone Reception (special number – 0475 942 452) on Monday morning if you have any concerns or queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Frye".

Paul Frye
Principal