



Monday 19 July

Dear parents and carers,

The recent announcement that the current lockdown will be extended is obviously not the news we wanted to hear. However, with Tier 1 exposure sites at Wycheproof, Ravenswood and the Calder Park BP (Outbound) it is clear that this recent outbreak is spreading into regional communities. I encourage you all to continue following the current lockdown rules in the hope we can emerge from this as soon as possible. If you have any doubts about whether or not you have visited an exposure site, you can check the full list here: [Public Exposure Sites](#).

We have had several students on-site today who should be learning from home. Details of the learning program we have set up at Castlemaine Secondary College can be found in '15 CSC Parent Update', which was emailed to all parents on Thursday 15 July. We will continue to provide on-site supervision for students in the following categories:

Children where both parents and/or carers are authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made:

- Where there are two parents/carers, both must be authorised workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision
- For single parents/ carers, the authorised worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.

Children experiencing vulnerability, including:

- children in out-of-home care
- children deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and is assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
- children identified by a school or early childhood service as vulnerable, including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service.

A reminder please to ensure students attending onsite are booked in so that we are able to provide adequate supervision. Attached to this message (on Xuno) is an On-site Attendance Form. If you require supervision this week, the attached form needs to be completed and emailed back to the school. This can be sent through to the college email: castlemaine.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Our continued focus is to maintain learning continuity for all students throughout this period of remote and flexible learning. Once further announcements have been made in regards to how long this lockdown will be extended by, I will make sure I communicate this to all members of the college community.

Pathway Information Evenings

Our upcoming Pathway Information Evenings for Year 8 and 11 students will still be held on Wednesday 21 July, however will now be conducted via Zoom. Further information will be sent out about this once we have finalised the details. Our Course Counselling sessions will continue over the phone as previously indicated, please continue to book in for these important sessions.

Keeping in touch

Please let us know if your child requires any extra support during remote learning. A member of our wellbeing team will be on call 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 20 July**.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Wood', written in a cursive style.

Simon Wood
Acting Principal – Castlemaine Secondary College