



**St Joseph's**  
**College**  
TOOWOOMBA

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now had two days where some of our students have either been in lockdown or attending the College as students of essential workers and I am writing to you this afternoon to provide you with some updates and reminders regarding our current situation.

### **Lockdown Compliance**

Firstly, I would like to thank those families who are in lockdown for your efforts in complying with the lockdown requirements as outlined by the Queensland Government.

I would also like to offer a gentle reminder to our families who live in one of the 11 LGAs who are currently in lockdown and those families who have had family members visit one of the 11 LGAs in lockdown. Your children should not be attending the College, unless you are an essential worker.

In the case where you are an essential worker, we would ask that you please do the following:

- Notify the College that your child will be attending the College.
- Remind your child that they are required to wear a mask at all times while they are at the College.

We have had some students who have been quite taken aback when they have been asked to wear a mask when we are aware that they fit within the criteria requiring them to wear a mask.

It is vitally important that we are vigilant in adhering to the mask wearing requirements set by the Queensland government to protect our community and as a result, if a student does not comply with this direction we will be ringing parents to come and collect the student.

### **Students Feeling Unwell**

Students who are sick or feeling unwell should not be sent to school. It is recommended that they get tested, and quarantine at home until you receive a negative result.

### **Masks**

As stated, students and staff who reside or have visited a lock downed area are required to wear masks at all times. Students and staff who have not been in an impacted area but would like to wear a mask at school are welcome to do so.

### **Continuity of Learning**

Our staff are continuing to provide continuity of learning for our students who are in lockdown through Canvas, to the best of their ability. It is important to note that our teachers have been made aware of the students who may currently be affected by the lockdown. However, if you are concerned that your child is not engaging with their schoolwork on Canvas, we would ask parents to send a brief email to their Joey's Way teacher and their house leader to notify them of this. This will ensure we are able to respond quickly so that continuity of learning occurs.

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## Year 12 Assessment Update

Examinations for Year 12 students will proceed as normal. Year 12 students in home quarantine due to the lockdown will be sitting for comparable exams once the lockdown has been lifted. Assignments for these students must be submitted as per teacher instructions.

A reminder also that we are advising all students and teachers to take home their devices, chargers and any relevant textbooks every afternoon to accommodate the chance of a snap lockdown being required in the Toowoomba region.

Once again thank you so very much for your support of the St Joseph's College community.

Kind regards



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