

Maitland Lutheran School

Enriching Education – Embracing Community



"Feed My Lambs" John 21:15

COVID UPDATE 20-7-21

Dear Parents/Carers

As you would be aware our Premier has announced that our State will enter a 7 day lockdown commencing from 6pm tonight.

Our school is prepared for this circumstance and will be sending home printed material today for students in the Foundation, Foundation/Yr 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2/3 classes.

We are in the fortunate position to have computers for our Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 5/6 and Year 6 classes. Each child present today will be issued with a computer to assist them to access their work. Our Year 7 to 10 students already have their own device. Your child's teacher will have spoken to them about how to access their work.

The Maitland Lutheran School staff are ready to roll with online learning so tomorrow will be a school day from home. There is no need for a pupil free day. For those using computers please have your child ready to log in at **9am** when the school day will commence.

Maitland Lutheran School will remain open for students of essential workers over the lockdown period. It is however **VITAL** you phone myself on 0419 850 978 **TODAY** to confirm your child's need to attend. Please do not drop your child to school tomorrow without having contacted me. We will be adhering to the current health advice and only having a skeleton staff on site. There are **NO** Maitland Lutheran School buses running during the lockdown period.

We will commit to keeping you informed through the school website, sms, email and facebook as soon as any new information that impacts our families is received. Please check these sites regularly.

We have a committed and talented staff at MLS who will do their best to provide for your child's learning with the resources we have at hand. Below are a few tips for online learning that you may wish to revisit from last year:-

- A regular wake up time on week days.
- Logging in at the required time each day (it does interrupt the teacher and the class when you log in late), and logging in on time also records your child on the class roll as 'present'.
- Wearing at least part of the school uniform so their mind is in the 'school zone'.
- Emphasising that the work is important and you as parents value it. We only get out of our children what we ask for – if parents do not support the current learning model the student's effort will drop off.
- Please monitor the use and storage of your child's Chromebook. They are extremely difficult to source or repair. WE DO NOT HAVE ANY SPARES and ask that your child treats them like 'gold' and values the opportunity to have access to one.

I pray that all in our community will be safe over the coming days. I can be contacted by email david.field@mls.sa.edu.au if you have any questions.

David Field
Principal