



"Feed My Lambs" John 21:15

## Maitland Lutheran School

### COVID UPDATE 23-7-21

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all of our families for their amazing transition into online/remote learning and engagement with it. Our attendance rates online have been as good (if not slightly better) than our normal attendance. It is exciting and heart-warming to see students joining classes online (through Google classrooms or Class Dojo) in the mornings and connecting with each other. It is obvious too that many families have tried to use the tips we gave on Tuesday afternoon for maintaining structure. These are working – please persist with them for the rest of the lockdown period.

We have had considerable dialogue with our Lutheran Schools in Victoria who have had extensive experience with this type of learning. Their suggestion to jump into programs as quickly as possible to iron out any technology /device issues was very timely. In reality there were only a handful of issues on Wednesday which were quickly addressed. All 3 days have worked very well and are a credit to our community. This will help to minimise the disruption to our students learning.

As staff we acknowledge the amount of effort parents are putting in to make sure their children get the most out of this experience. It is a difficult time and with children out of normal routine it does pose interesting challenges. As our 'home partners' you are doing an awesome job. I am sure many will be glad for the weekend break ahead. I thank our staff also for quickly switching modes of learning (some were still posting work as late as 11pm Tuesday night). You will also see a few 'extra activities' that will be posted online for the students to be involved in; Cooking, Dancing, a Quiz. Our staff are creative and always prepared to go the extra mile for our students.

I am expecting on Monday or early Tuesday we will get some clarification on what lies ahead for education in SA. I am available via email or phone should you have any questions and will update you all as soon as possible.

Enjoy a break over the weekend.

Blessings

**David Field**