



# ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday the Premier announced the news that the lockdown in Greater Sydney, the Blue Mountains, the Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour will be [extended for a further 4 weeks until 28 August 2021](#). Part of this extended lockdown also means people in the Parramatta, Campbelltown and Georges River Local Government Areas (LGA) are unable to leave their LGA for work unless they are included in the [authorised workers list](#) which includes teachers and other education staff.

This means that students will continue learning from home until 28 August 2021. Parents are expected to keep their children at home during this time unless you are not at home to supervise them. Students will continue to be supported to learn from home by their teachers. St. Michael's School and COSHC are open for any child that requires it.

From Monday 2 August, all children that come to school will need to wear their sports or winter uniform, school hat and school bag. As there is no canteen or access to bubblers, please send recess, lunch and a water bottle.

For children working from home, they will be marked as 'present' on the attendance roll if they access/attempted/respond to the activities set by their teacher. Teachers are ringing every family frequently to keep connected and provide assistance where needed. Please note this will show up as a private number, not the school number.

A number of families have not answered these calls and their children have not been accessing the learning. For these students, an 'unexplained absence' will be marked on the attendance roll.

St. Michael's staff having been working above and beyond what is required for your children. We have been blessed to have such a dedicated group of people who love and care for each child in their care. The staff provide more than a 'service' to families. They see their profession as a vocation and during these uncertain times have to find different ways to engage their students in the learning.

Thank you to the parents that have acknowledged this and for the great work you are doing at home. We understand how challenging this situation is for families and extend our thanks for your ongoing support in keeping our students and staff safe.

God Bless,

Mrs Sue Veling  
Principal