9 August 2021

Dear Members of the Lindisfarne School community,

Principal's COVID-19 Update 12 to the Community

Lockdown - Byron, Lismore, Ballina & Richmond Valley Shires

The New South Wales Government announced a 7-day lockdown from 6.00pm today Monday, 9 August 2021 until 12.01am Tuesday, 17 August for Byron Bay, Lismore, Ballina and Richmond Valley Shires. This does not include the Tweed Shire. Stay-at-home order here.

Following updated health advice from New South Wales Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant, stay-at-home orders will apply to all people who live in these areas or have been there on or after 31 July.

The rules for these areas will be the same as those already in place across Greater Sydney, as well as Tamworth, Armidale, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Port Stephens, Singleton, Dungog, Muswellbrook and Cessnock.

Everyone in these areas must stay at home unless they have a reasonable excuse to leave. They also cannot have visitors in their home from outside their household, including family and friends.

People still can have one visitor at one time to fulfil carers' responsibilities or provide care or assistance, or for compassionate reasons, including where two people are in a relationship but do not live together.

People also cannot enter the Byron Shire, Richmond Valley, Lismore, and Ballina Shire Local Government Areas, without a reasonable excuse to do so.

We understand this is a difficult time for the community and appreciate your ongoing patience and cooperation.

Junior School
The Junior School staff will be making contact with Byron Shire based families in the morning **Tuesday, 10 August** to make learning arrangements for those students.

Middle and Senior School:
The arrangements for students in the Middle and Senior School are as follows:

- **Tuesday 10 August:** Face-to-face lessons continue for the majority of New South Wales and Queensland students with work posted on Google Classrooms for Byron Bay, Lismore, Ballina and Richmond Valley Shire students who are working remotely due to the lockdown restrictions.

- **Wednesday 11 August - Monday 16 August:** Lessons will continue face-to-face for the majority of New South Wales based and Queensland based students with the Byron Bay, Lismore, Ballina, Richmond Valley Shire students moving to a blended learning model. Blended learning will allow these students to participate in lessons via Google Meet.

- Given the extended lockdown period for Byron Shire based students, this model will be in place until Monday 16 August at which time it will be reviewed in line with the updated advice. PLEASE NOTE: Students can access their Google Meets via their Google Classroom home pages.
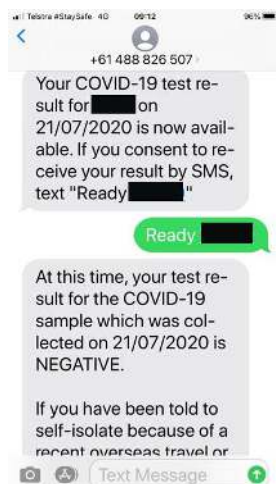
Whilst we expect little to no demand for Lindisfarne Bus Services to the Byron Shire during the Lockdown they will run to ensure that no student is inadvertently left at a bus stop.

Please note that HSC Trials continue and the Dean of Studies Caroline Jeffries and Head of Senior School Kate Cornell have written to all HSC students and parents by separate email.

Please continue to monitor the New South Wales Health websites as information is regularly updated.

Finally, just a reminder that if any of your children have any Covid-19 symptoms, stay at home and get tested and send the negative test result to the School before returning. This can be done by taking a screenshot of the results and forwarding it by email to studentadmin@lindisfarne.nsw.edu.au or text message to 0437 805 099.

An example screenshot appears below.

Should you require any further assistance, please contact your respective Head of Subschool.

Kind regards,

Stuart Marquardt
Principal