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Dear AAS families,

I would like to start by sincerely thanking all of our students and families for their support and understanding over the last week. It has been wonderful to see the way everyone has engaged with the online learning. I would also like to say a huge thank you to our AAS staff. They continue to rise to every challenge and demonstrate their commitment and dedication to supporting our students.

I am so proud of our AAS team; students, families and staff.

Today the Premier announced that schools, preschools and children's centres will reopen to all students tomorrow, Wednesday 28 July.

As a result, our school will be open.

We will not be offering an alternative home-based learning program unless your child is impacted by SA Health quarantine orders.

As the Chief Public Health Officer said, just because the hard lockdown is being lifted does not mean that the risks associated with COVID-19 have passed.

As a result, we will:

- minimise the number of people coming and going from our site. Wherever possible, please drop and collect your child at the gate and maintain the appropriate physical distance from other adults
- postpone all school events and excursions for the next week. This includes YP Band and school assemblies.
- require all staff and students in years 7 and above to wear masks when indoors and on school buses. We have made the decision for year 7 students to wear masks as we have a combined year 7/8 class. For students in Reception to Year 6 the wearing of a mask is optional. Please note that staff will not have to wear masks while teaching or working directly with students.

Students can wear their own cloth masks. We also have supplies of surgical masks available if they need them. Your child might have questions about wearing masks. It's important we continue to follow SA Health advice and your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated as we help students and staff with this necessary change.

To minimise the number of people on site, our School Community Library will remain closed.

Other updates:

- Unfortunately, we need to postpone our Learning Showcase which was scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. A new date will be published when we have further advice regarding restrictions.

- Footsteps for R-6 has been postponed until Week 9; 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> September.
- Our first newsletter for the term will be published in Week 3; Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August.
- Our lunch order service through Wilma's on the Yorke will recommence on Wednesday; as per the usual process orders to be placed through the HereUGO app.

If you have any questions or would like to provide feedback on our online learning programs, please contact me [Margaret.Roads954@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Margaret.Roads954@schools.sa.edu.au)

We look forward to seeing students back at school on Wednesday.

Kind regards,

*Margaret*

**Margaret Roads**  
Principal



