

Media Release

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Thomas More College closed due to COVID-19 case

Thomas More College at Salisbury Downs is closed today following confirmation that a Year 8 student has tested positive for COVID-19.

The school will remain closed tomorrow to ensure contact tracing and deep cleaning can be undertaken. The school will re-open when SA Health advises that it is safe to do so.

Catholic Education SA Director, Dr Neil McGoran, said: "We are working very closely with SA Health. The safety of our students and staff is paramount and the school will be closed until we are sure that it is safe for students to return."

At this point in time, there are no other students at the school who have tested positive for COVID-19. SA Health is undertaking contact tracing and close contacts of the student will be notified if they need to self-isolate.

Principal Corey Tavella communicated with school families earlier today. "We understand that there will be some concern amongst our school community. Be assured that we acted swiftly as soon as we were notified about this case. We are working closely with SA Health and will inform you when it is safe to return to school," he said.

Catholic Education SA confirmed that no other school closures are in place.

"Catholic schools have appropriate measures in place to ensure that we minimise the risk to our students and staff. In the event that one or more of our schools are closed for an extended period, we are prepared for learning to continue online," said Dr McGoran.

All COVID-19 updates are being placed on the CESA website: www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts

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