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Dear Parents and Carers

CONFIRMED CODE RED DAY COLLEGE CLOSURE

I am writing to advise you that both of our College Campuses, Coolock and St Mary's **will be closed** tomorrow Thursday 21 November due to a Code Red fire danger rating day being determined for our area.

This is consistent with Victorian Government policy that leaving early on a Code Red day is the safest option. The school is expected to re-open on Friday 22 November, when conditions are predicted to improve. However if another Code Red day is determined for the following day the school will remain closed. Updates on school closures can be found at Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd's (CECV) website: <www.cecv.catholic.edu.au>. School closures will be posted to the CECV's and Department Education and Training's (DET) website – see <www.cecv.catholic.edu.au> and <<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>>.

Please note that all Country and Urban Bus Services be closed; services will resume when the College reopens.

I realise that closing the school may result in you having to make alternative arrangements for your child, but the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. Given the predicted weather conditions, we urge that your child is not left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

We are taking all possible steps to ensure our College community is aware of the school's closure, including displaying posters advising of the closure at our school entrances and sending an SMS to all parents. If, however, you know of other parents who, for any reason, may not be aware of the College's closure, please contact them to help ensure they are aware that the College will be closed on Thursday 21 November.

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (facebook.com/cfavic)
- Twitter (twitter.com/CFA_Updates)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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