



## Re: Transition back to school-based learning

## 5 April 2020

As you may be aware, yesterday the Premier announced a further step in the deliberate and measured approach towards students returning to school. From Monday 11 May, students in Years 11 and 12 will be able to return to school.

For students in Years 7 - 10, the current home-based learning arrangements will remain in place. The Premier has announced that if low COVID-19 transmission rates continue, these students will be able to return to school from Monday 25 May, 2020. Confirmation of this step will be made by 15 May 2020.

It is recognised that some parents of Year 11 and 12 students may choose to keep them at home due to concerns about COVID-19. This is an acceptable decision and your child won't be marked as being absent, rather that they are 'Learning from Home'. If you are choosing to do this, please respond to the text that will come out later in the week asking for this information. In these cases, parents and carers remain responsible for their children. This includes ensuring their children stay at home and continue their learning using the material provided.

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children will continue to be able to attend school for supervision. If you have other circumstances that mean you would like your child to attend school, please contact us to discuss this.

<u>Frequently asked questions</u> are available to assist you understand how schools will be implementing the transition back to school-based learning.

With the senior classes in operation on our campus, we will need to change the bell times back to the usual times, except that there will be no assembly on Mondays, so Monday will be the same as any other day, including starting with a Form Class.

The canteen and uniform shop will re-open next week.

It is essential that you keep your child home from school if they are unwell. In accordance with <u>Queensland Health Directions</u> parents or carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the school.

| Bell Times |               |
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| Form       | 8.55 - 9.05   |
| 1          | 9.05 - 10.15  |
| M/Tea      | 10.15 - 10.45 |
| 2          | 10.45 - 11.55 |
| 3          | 11.55 - 1.05  |
| Lunch      | 1.05 - 1.50   |
| 4          | 1.50 - 3.00   |
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The decision to transition Year 11 and 12 back to school is an important next step towards returning to our regular school routines and I will continue to update you as soon as any new information becomes available. Our staff have greatly appreciated all the positive feedback that has been provided to them over the last few weeks. My sincere thanks goes to all parents and carers for your support and understanding during these challenging times.

Regards