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**Dear Parents & Caregivers** 

I write in response to the increasing number of emails requesting schoolwork for students that parents are choosing to keep at home.

The current advice is that Queensland schools continue to remain open and as you are aware, some of our routines are varied to respond to recommendations including hygiene recommendations in response to COVID-19.

We have a number of families who are choosing to keep children home from school despite of the current advice. We are required to record almost all of these absences as 'unjustified absences', as they are not considered reasonable excuses based on current health advice.

Teaching and learning continues at school and includes preparation for Term 1 exams. Whilst the school remains open, these exams will proceed as scheduled. There are no alternate exam provisions for students who remain at home in what is recorded as an 'unjustified' absence.

Teachers at school are continuing to plan, prepare and teach our curriculum topics to their classes in a full teaching workload every day. These circumstances may well change in the future and my advice is that each student ensure they can access their one-note class notebook on their laptop, phone or home computer.

Should the circumstances change in relation to Queensland schools, students will have access to a further range of specific, school supported online learning materials. We will be able to provide further, more detailed curriculum for all students via online learning in any changed scenario.

Yours sincerely,

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