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Dear parents and caregivers

The Queensland Government has today announced that an additional 5 Student Free Days will be in place next week.

This means the Term 1 break will start early for students and your child will not attend school next week, unless they are children of essential workers or vulnerable children, such as those in out-of-home care.

Essential workers are those that must currently continue to attend their workplace during this difficult time and supervision will be provided at our school for children of these workers where required during the week of 30 March to 3 April inclusive. If you are an essential worker and wish to send your child to school to be supervised next week you must ensure your child is well and not displaying any signs of illness.

The Student Free Days have been provided to allow our staff the opportunities to plan for the delivery of learning in the event that the education sector needs to move to flexible and remote learning for students at the commencement of Term 2. School will resume on Monday 20 April unless health advice determines otherwise. Further information on the return of students to school for Term 2 will be provided over the Term 1 break.

I realise these latest developments may create challenges for parents and caregivers, both in terms of disruption for students and for families who need to manage supervision of children at home. I am assured that this decision has only been taken as a necessary response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

Regarding Year 11 and 12 students and their assessment requirements, I have just been advised by the QCAA that they have decided to remove one internal assessment from the total of four prescribed in each syllabus. This will provide some relief for students as they contend with uncertainty and disruption while working towards their QCE in 2020. It will also support teachers to manage reduced classroom time. In the next few weeks, the QCAA will provide schools with direction on how they should adjust what is taught and the nature and timing of other assessments.

If you would like to support your child's learning next week, a newly established learning@home website has been developed by the Department of Education and can be accessed at [here](#). This site contains a range of student learning material and other high quality education websites that will help your child's learning. You are also encouraged to stay informed of the latest health developments relating to COVID-19 by regularly visiting the Queensland Health website: [here](#).

The Department of Education will continue to keep all principals up-to-date with any further changes to schooling over the coming days and weeks and I will continue to provide parents with this information as it becomes available. Further information for parents, including Questions and Answers has been developed by the Department of Education and can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together to support and educate your children during this difficult and unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely

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Principal