

## Re: Years 7 - 10 returning to school

15 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The Queensland Government has announced that students in Years 2–10 will return to school on **Monday 25 May, 2020**. Only one more week of Home-Based Learning and we can then welcome back the Year 7-10 students onto our school campus.

The Department of Education has a [FAQ](#) page to help you understand how we will implement a safe transition back to school. [Advice](#) from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) states that physical distancing is not required for students during classroom activities. However, it is still required between adults and it is imperative that our students practice the 1.5m 'Social Distancing' with teachers.

If your child is unwell, it is essential that you keep them at home. In accordance with [Queensland Health Directions](#), parents or carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the school.

I understand that some parents and carers may choose to keep their child at home due to special circumstances, medical vulnerability, or concerns about the risk of COVID-19 transmission. **If you do not intend for your child to return** to normal school attendance from Monday 25 May 2020, **you must contact the relevant Deputy Principal** to discuss their ongoing learning.

If you choose to keep your child at home, you will now be responsible for their learning, along with their supervision. The [learning@home](#) website, provided by The Department, will remain available and will continue to be updated throughout Term 2.


For students who have a medical reason requiring them to remain at home or in isolation, our school will make arrangements to support their learning at home just as they would in the case of any extended student medical absence.

I will write to the students closer to their return date with reminders around the key issues they will face on returning to school. In particular:

- On Monday they will go to their Form class first (No Year Parades).
- They need to **bring their laptop every day** – we will continue using the OneNotes and skills we've developed over the past month as a key platform in our at-school learning. **This is the new normal.**
- Students need to keep our teachers safe by remaining 1.5m away from them.

Thank you again the ongoing support of your children in their continuing journey to get the very best education they can.

Regards



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*Yes, we still  
have free laptops  
for hire –  
Contact Jo on  
5503 7888*