

Principal Update - 2 August 2021

Email to parents

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As you are no doubt aware, the Acting Premier has announced an extension to the current lockdown until 4pm Sunday, 8 August. The school will remain open to children of essential workers and vulnerable children. The current directions from Queensland Health require a harder position to the restrictions we worked with in 2020. I would therefore like to call your attention to the definition of essential work or volunteering. This refers to work or volunteering that is necessary to maintain essential services and supplies to the community, and that cannot be performed from the person's residence. Examples are nurses, doctors, teachers, healthcare providers or workers that provide essential work in the context of this lockdown.

In light of the highly contagious nature of this COVID-19 delta variant, I have been directed by the Department of Education (in line with the recent directive from the Chief Health Officer), that we are to have minimal staff on site. Remote learning will be directed from our teachers working from home. Therefore, each day we will only have on-site the number of teachers required to supervise the 35 students who were in attendance today. These students will be undertaking the same remote learning that students at home are doing.

Remote Learning

Today teachers have been planning and preparing for remote learning to support the continuity of our student's education. In many cases teachers have already been in contact with students and have been providing learning resources. With the announcement of an extension to the lockdown, email correspondence between students and teachers is essential. Should students need to contact any of their teachers a full list of staff email addresses can be accessed [here](#).

The remote learning will be similar to the 2020 model and is detailed in the attached "Our Remote Learning Model" document. This requires students to access their class notebooks (OneNote) and follow the directions in their daily emails.

If you have internet connectivity issues, you can contact the school and we will load the OneNote class notebooks for an individual student onto a USB stick. This can then be collected from the school and loaded onto the student's computer at home.

Canteen Operations

With limited students on site, the canteen will **not** be opening for the remainder of this week. Students of essential workers attending school will be required to bring their own lunch. No approvals will be provided for students to leave the school grounds to purchase food.

Online Roll Marking

Online roll marking will commence from Tuesday, 3 August 2021. Like in 2020, an email will be sent to the students each morning at 9.00am. Student will be required to simply reply to indicate they are logged onto their computer and commencing their school work. **This must be done by 10.00 AM.** Teacher will use these replies to mark the roll and, as per usual, the 11.00 am text message will be sent to you if your child is 'absent' (from being logged on).

Senior Assessment

Senior teachers have been in touch with students to offer support and scaffolding if necessary. Students should directly communicate with their teachers if they are experiencing any concerns. If there are circumstances preventing students from handing in assessment, such as illness, other medical reasons, misadventure or extenuating circumstances, please follow the normal process and contact the Senior Schooling HOD (Jodie Teng - jteng5@eq.edu.au) to apply for an AARA (Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments). At this stage, Exams for senior General subjects will go ahead as planned next week.

Wellbeing Support

As we again lockdown we want to ensure that students remain connected to our school even though they are unable to attend. If at any stage student feel anxious, uncertain or needing advice/guidance please encourage them to contact members of our support team:

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Please take extra care.

Yours sincerely

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