

Return to School - Mon 9 Aug

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you for your support for our school community during the latest lockdown. As you are undoubtedly aware, the Chief Health Officer has [lifted the lockdown in the 11 Local Government Areas](#).

Whilst the return to school is welcome news, we will need to implement additional restrictions to minimise transmission and further protect the health and safety of our school community. These additional restrictions will include:

1. **Wearing of masks on school sites** for all adults and students.
 - a. Students are to provide their own mask.
 - b. Students are required to wear a face mask when on school premises or when travelling on dedicated school transport.
 - c. Masks must be worn at all times, in all areas of the campus, unless they are eating or drinking.
 - d. If a student experiences loss or damage to their mask, the school will be able to provide one.
 - e. There are some [exceptions](#) to wearing face masks, including students who have a medical condition or disability that may be made worse by wearing a mask, including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on their face, a mental health condition or experienced trauma. Should your child fit into an exemption category, please email the relevant Deputy Principal with the details ([staff contacts](#)). We will provide an exemption pass for easy identification (students can collect this from the office).
2. **Access by parents, carers and other visitors to our school site is restricted**, unless absolutely necessary.
 - a. Please make an appointment before you come to the school.
 - b. Please ensure you have a mask.
3. The Department of Education has also asked us implement the following **additional restrictions** until otherwise advised:
 - Assemblies and other large group activities including instrumental music groups, performances, and dancing will not be permitted.
 - Extra curricula sporting activities will not be permitted (Basketball courts and ovals will remain closed until further notice).
 - Interschool sport and excursions will not be permitted.

Upcoming assessment (including the Year 12 Exams this week) will go ahead as planned.

I realise the latest developments may create challenges for families, but please be assured these decisions have been taken as a necessary response to the evolving COVID-19 situation. The Department of Education will continue to keep me and all principals up-to-date with any further required changes to school arrangements over the coming days and I will continue to provide parents with this information as soon as it becomes available.

Further information for parents is available in the [Department of Education's frequently asked questions](#). I encourage you to stay informed of the latest developments regarding COVID-19 by regularly visiting the [Queensland Government's COVID-19 website](#)

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

Scott Ison
Principal