

19 September 2021

Week 10 Update

Good afternoon Parents and Carers

The final day of Term 3 has arrived and it's with a sense of pride that I reflect on how successfully our students and teachers have dealt with the turmoil of the past 3 months. A lockdown and a month of mask-wearing has had its toll on our kids, they deserve a break and time to do some family stuff. Look after them for us and we'll be looking forward to having them back in a fortnight's time; refreshed and ready for the continuing run at getting a great education.

Next Term

Term 4 commences on **Tuesday 5 October**, with Monday 4 October being the Queen's Birthday public holiday.

In the first week of Term 4 you may get a phone call regarding our **School Review**. All Queensland state schools get to have a School Review every 4 years and this is an important part of how the department supports schools. The review gives schools independent feedback from current Principals and other education leaders about how they are performing and where they can improve. We then use these findings to develop clear actions to move the school forward. As a part of the review process, the reviewers contact a sample of parents for feedback on our school.

I also wanted to wish the **best of luck to our Year 12 students**; we are about to go into external exams from the end of week three (for the General Subjects). ...No matter how often they tell you they're not ready, they are; they just need the adults in their life to keep pushing them along; keep them calm and on-track with lots of positives and lots of nagging about getting it done.

Wellbeing Expo - Wednesday 13 Oct 2021

Over the last 12 months we have all faced challenging times. At Nerang High we care about our students, teachers, parents and wider community and this year we are hosting a Wellbeing Expo. A range of community agents for adolescents and families will come together at the school to share how they can support those 'in need'. There will be Lucky Door Prizes and a free Sausage Sizzle between 3.30pm and 4.00pm.

Time: Families 3.00pm - 5.00pm (our students will have access from 12.00 -3.00)
Guest Speaker: Livin' 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Venue: School Hall

Services Available: *Gold Coast Youth Service - GC Project For Homeless Youth - Life Without Barriers - MAS Apprenticeship & Traineeships - Kalwun - Horses Helping Humans - School Nurses - Nerang Neighbourhood Centre - Bravehearts - Johnny H Disability Support Services - Aruma Disability Support - Multicultural Communities Council GC - Centre Against Sexual Violence - Centrecare - Nerang PCYC - Gold Coast Youth Hubs - Mission Australia/Reconnect - Wellways - Life With Barriers - Relationships Australia - CoGC Senior Youth Officer*

I have included information below from 2 advisory notices I received in the last few days, regarding COVID vaccinations for children and parking enforcement in school zones.

Regards



Scott Ison
Principal

COVID-19 vaccine and children

The Chief Health Officer has written to me and other school principals across Queensland to urge you and your family (including all children aged 12 years and older) to take the opportunity over the upcoming school holidays to get vaccinated for COVID-19.

Children aged 12 years and older can receive a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at a Queensland Health vaccination location or at a participating General Practice (GP). In the very near future, you will be able to access Moderna (Spikevax) vaccine at a participating community pharmacy.

How to book:

1. [Register your interest](#) to receive your COVID-19 vaccine at a Queensland Health vaccination location.
 - a. Older children can register themselves separately if they have their own email address or
 - b. A parent or guardian can register and set up their children as dependents. All correspondence will be managed through the parent/guardian's email address. Read more about [creating a dependent in the vaccine booking system](#).

If you need assistance with vaccination bookings, call 134 COVID (13 42 68).

2. Access the [COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker](#) to book a vaccination at a participating GP or community pharmacy.

Walk in appointments are currently available at selected Queensland Health vaccination locations. To find your closest walk in vaccination location, please visit www.health.qld.gov.au/vaccinelocations.

For young people, **consent** from a parent/guardian is usually required. In Queensland:

- individuals aged 12 to 15 years may require a parent/guardian to provide consent, however may be mature enough to provide informed consent
- individuals aged 16 years and older are generally deemed to have capacity to consent for vaccination.

It is recommended that children under the age of 16 have a parent/guardian with them at their vaccination appointment. Young people seeking to provide informed consent themselves, without parental consent, should speak to their vaccinating clinician. Find out more about [age of consent for vaccinations](#) online.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine and children, please visit [Queensland Health's website for children, young people and parents](#).

Gold Coast City Council Parking Advice

The City of Gold Coast (City) wants to ensure that motorists comply with [school zone road rules](#) at and around schools to achieve a safer environment for children and the broader school community. These rules also help to optimise traffic movement and safety. Please take extra care and obey the signed parking rules when parking on the roads and streets around the school.

As part of the *City Parking Plan 2015* to improve parking behaviour on the Gold Coast, City Parking Officers will soon patrol the city (including key school zones) using vehicles, clearly badged as "Park Safe" vehicles. These vehicles use Licence Plate Recognition (LPR) which is camera technology fitted to Park Safe vehicles to ensure motorists are parking safely.

Park Safe will operate on school days at student drop-off and pick-up times focusing on pedestrian areas around schools. If a vehicle is found to be parked illegally the City will issue an infringement notice to the registered vehicle owner by post.

Offences to be aware of:

- stopping 20 m before or 10 metres after a sign posted crossing or a bus stop
- stopping within 10 metres of an intersection or corner
- stopping within a bus zone (bayed area) or in a loading zone
- stopping on a footpath or nature strip within a built-up area
- stopping in a way that restricts access to a driveway
- stopping on a yellow painted line or double parking for any period of time.

Park safely and legally to avoid a fine. For more information visit www.cityofgoldcoast.com.au/parksafe