

29 July 2020

Principal Update –Week 3

Good afternoon Parents and Carers

Whilst I'm sure we all want to stop talking about the COVID-19 pandemic, it still affects our lives every day and will continue to impact the way we can operate as a school. COVID restrictions are still in place for many of the operations of the school and the following is taken from the recent directive to schools provided by the Department of Education.

On-site health and safety measures

Under the Queensland Chief Health Officer Directive, any student who is unwell must not attend school and are to remain at home until well. The school must ask parents/carers to collect their child from school if they are unwell.

Staff, parents and other adult visitors are to observe physical distancing measures by not congregating in areas inside or around the school. Visitor and parent access to the school campus is restricted and we urge parents to limit their contact with the Office to being via phone.

Student Education and Training Plan

Students develop a SET plan in consultation with their parents/carers. SET planning starts in Year 9 and maps out a plan of action to achieve the student's education goals. These goals include students attaining a QCE or VET qualification, the successful transition to work or qualifying for university entry.

At this stage, this is mostly driven by the subjects a student chooses and the success they have in those subjects. Students are encouraged to take ownership of their SET plan and to review and revise the plan at regular intervals during Year 11 and 12 to ensure they remain on track to meet their goals.

Students in **Year 9** have been appointed a Mentor who will meet with them this and next week to choose their Subjects for Year 10. Following the meeting, your child will have a Subject Selection Form and Senior Agreement Form for you to sign. A letter was emailed to you previously with the details of the SET Planning Process.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the **Year 10** process has been changed. There will be no Careers Expo this year; however, alternative support is being provided. Details on the new Year 10 Program will be provided to you in the near future.

Please note, the previously recommended QCAA 'My Path' website has been suspended. Resources for parents can be found in the parent section of our website: www.nerangshs.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/parent-resources.

Sporting Events

The easing of COVID-19 restrictions to Stage 3 means a return to some sport activities for our school. The annual school **Cross Country** has now been postponed until Thursday 13 Aug.

The **Athletics** carnival is this week, with a competitor's only day Thursday (30 July) and the full school day Friday (31 July).

To ensure the safety of staff, students and community members, a number of considerations and protocols are required to be implemented in accordance with the Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment. The key hygiene and physical distancing considerations are:

- Spectators including parents, caregivers, siblings or past students cannot come to the carnival and must remain off site.
- Physical distancing applies between staff and students. House areas will be spread out as much as possible. Students will be encouraged not to gather in large groups around event or food service areas.
- Students must bring their own water bottles.
- Hand sanitiser will be made available at house and event areas. Students will be required to clean hands before and after competing in events.
- Athletic equipment will be sanitised and cleaned between each event.

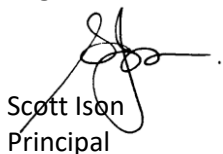
Show Holiday

A reminder that the Gold Coast Show Holiday has been moved to Friday August 14.

Principal's Awards

This celebration cannot occur, but students will be presented their badges in Form class. Given the disruptions to this week, these awards will go to students during Form Class early next week.

Regards



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Principal