

18 January 2022

Dear parents and caregivers,

As has been recently advised by the Queensland Premier, formal school operations will commence on 7 February 2022, except for Year 11 and 12 students who will learn from home from 31 January for 1 week.

The following arrangements will be in place for the start of the 2022 school year at Nerang State High School.

- From 24 January until 4 February, **only students of essential workers or those in the care of Child Safety can attend school during the extended vacation period.** (*An essential worker is someone who provides essential services and who is unable to work from home. This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses and other front-line medical staff, retail workers, haulage drivers and police officers.*)
- Students attending school are to report to the school hall at 9.00am for placement into supervision groups. Students will be supervised by a rotation of teachers and teacher-aides. Formal teaching of the 2022 curriculum will not commence and there will be no school-facilitated online learning. Parents/students can access the Department of Education '[Learning from Home](#)' materials if desired.
- The tuckshop will be closed until 7 February 2022, so students attending school will need to bring their lunch.
- On 31 January 2022 Year 11 and 12 students commence online learning from home.
- On 7 February 2022 all students (Year 7 to 12) will return to school to commence learning on-site. Information about the commencement of on-site learning will be given closer to this date.

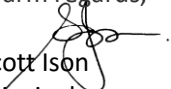
During this Omicron peak, our aim is to reduce the likelihood of staff and students contracting COVID at school or bringing it into our school. Most staff will be working from home and keeping themselves reasonably isolated, so as to ensure that in 2 week's time, when we all return to school, we don't have large numbers of staff unavailable due to COVID infections. As such, the following are in place:

- The school office will be open from 8.30am to 3.00pm, with limited availability of staff.
- Students of essential workers (and all visitors and staff) who are attending school will be required to wear a face mask throughout the day. The current face mask requirement states that masks must be worn indoors everywhere in Queensland, including schools. Children under 12 years and people affected by a medical condition or disability do not lawfully have to wear a face mask. See [exceptions from wearing face masks](#). Should your child fit into an exemption category, please email the school (admin@nerangshs.eq.edu.au) with the details. We will provide an exemption pass for easy identification. If your child is sick please notify the school and keep them at home.
- Teachers will be working remotely, where possible, during this period. They will continue to work on planning and adapting the curriculum to accommodate for the changes in the students' learning. They will be available via email.
- Parents are able to attend school to access the uniform shop over the first 2 weeks of the school year. The uniform shop will be open from 8.00am-2.00pm on 20, 21, 29 January and 3, 4 February.

Next week the Year 11 and 12 students will receive information about their week of remote learning. Year 7 students will receive information about the commencement of the school year closer to their start date.

We will keep you appraised of any updates that may occur. Stay safe.

Warm regards,



Scott Ison
Principal