

21 January 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you are aware Nerang State High school will be closed to students other than those of essential workers and vulnerable students commencing next Monday, 24 January 2022.

Parents who are essential workers may choose to send their student(s) to school from Monday 24 January 2022 and vulnerable students can also commence on site on this date. The department of Health classifies an Essential Workers as "...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".

Our aim for the next 2-week period is to limit the number of staff and students on campus and therefore limit the risk of students and staff contracting COVID or bringing it into our school. We will do our best to maintain COVID safe practices at all times. The procedures detailed below are aimed at ensuring students have limited close contact with each other and our staff.

Protocols children of Essential Workers and vulnerable students attending school from Monday 24th Jan to Friday 4th Feb.

AT THE START OF EACH DAY

1. Students report to the school hall at **9.00am** for placement into supervision groups.
2. Students and staff are to wear a mask at all times whilst indoors. *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.*
3. Students are required to line up at the entry to the hall (1.5 metres apart) and have their names recorded for attendance.
4. Student groups will be allocated a supervising teacher or teacher aide. Students with a mask exemption will all be placed in the same group.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

5. There will be no school-facilitated online or face-to-face learning (except for year 11 and 12 in the week of 31 Jan to 4 Feb). Students can access the Learning Place website <https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/learning-at-home>
6. Students can bring their laptop to school.
7. Students can also bring their own arts, crafts and reading books.
8. Students will not be permitted to play violent or sexualised video games.
9. As we are attempting to maintain a high level of hygiene standards, students will not be able to share equipment. Students will work quietly and independently.
10. Students misbehaving will be sent to the office and parents will be called to collect their child.
11. Normal school times will be followed (4 Periods) with an extra fifteen-minute break at the start of Period 3.

LUNCH BREAKS

12. Limited playground areas will be opened for students to access.
13. Sports equipment will not be lent out; however, students may bring their own equipment.
14. The tuckshop will be closed until 7 February 2022. **Students attending school are to bring their lunch.**

We appreciate this is challenging for many new Year 7 students along with new students across all year levels, so Deputy Principals and a Dean of Students will be on duty at the door of the Hall to meet new students, verify their details and escort them to their rostered supervision area.

I understand the difficulties for students to be at school under these circumstances and thank you and them in advance for your patience and resilience over the next 2 weeks.

Regards,



Scott Ison
Principal