



6 May 2020

Dear Parents

Re: Return to School for Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12

I am pleased to advise that the Queensland Premier has announced that from Monday 11 May 2020, students in Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 are able to return to School for face-to-face lessons.

For students in Years 2 to 10, the current WAS@Home arrangements will remain in place. It is anticipated that students in Years 2 to 10 will be able to return to School on Monday 25 May 2020. This will be confirmed by the Queensland Government by Friday 15 May 2020.

The School will continue to remain open for students of essential workers and vulnerable children. If there are other circumstances where you wish your child to attend School, please do not hesitate to contact the Head of Junior School, Mr Mick Martin, or the Head of Senior School, Mrs Sarah Wright.

It is reassuring to know that the Queensland Chief Health Officer has advised that:

“I want to assure you that we would not be recommending a return to school unless we were confident that it was safe for everyone. The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), which comprises the Chief Health Officers of all Australian jurisdictions, continues to note that there is very limited evidence of transmission between children in the school environment. In Australia, only a very small percentage of COVID-19 cases have been in children.” (Dr Jeanette Young, 5 May 2020).

Students in Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12

The normal School timetable will resume for students in Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 on Monday 11 May 2020, where they will undertake face-to-face lessons.

The School understands that some parents may choose to keep their child/ren at home due to concerns with COVID-19 and this is respected. However, we would ask that you please contact your respective Head of sub-School to advise them of this intention.

Students who are unable to attend School in Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 will be able to access learning materials through our established online platforms. The video conferencing feature will no longer be available for lessons for students in Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12, as our Teachers will be delivering face-to-face at School. Further information on the support for students unable to attend School can be discussed with the Head of Junior School, Mr Mick Martin, or the Head of Curriculum, Mrs Natalie Sunner.



Parents of Boarding Students in Years 11 and 12

Mr Brad Allen, Head of Boarding, will be in contact with our Boarding families to provide further information on your child's return and to address how the School is meeting the specific guidelines from Queensland Health.

Attending School Campus

During this time, we respectfully request that parents do not attend campus, other than for drop-offs or pick-ups, or urgent student safety and wellbeing matters. We also ask that parents do not gather in areas around School drop-off and pick-up zones, outside classrooms or at the School gates.

Stopping the Spread of COVID-19

The School will continue to follow the advice of the Queensland Government and the Chief Health Officer.

However, please encourage and support your children to:

- Clean their hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitiser.
- Cover their nose and mouth with a tissue or bent elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching their face, nose and mouth, and do not shake hands.

As an additional precaution, parents of students displaying any signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the School and if your child is unwell, please do not send them to School.

Whilst we are excited to have our students back at School, we are still unable to resume large group activities such as assemblies, sports and arts events. Although, this approach will be reviewed upon receiving further advice from the Queensland Government and Chief Health Officer.

We look forward to seeing the students return on Monday and thank you for your continued support during these extraordinary times.

Best wishes

Andrew Wheaton
Principal