



6 May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Prep to Year 6 Students

The Premier has announced that from **Monday 11 May 2020**, students in Kindy, Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 will be able to return to their school and kindergarten.

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children will continue to be able to attend school for supervision.

**For students in Years 2 – 6, the current home-based learning arrangements will remain in place.** If low COVID-19 transmission rates continue, students in Years 2 – 6 will be able to return to school from **Monday 25 May 2020**. Confirmation of this step will be made by 15 May 2020.

**For students in Prep and Year 1, Classroom and Specialist Teachers will not be providing a Learning at Home program where parents elect to keep their children at home.** If parents choose to do this, I ask that you notify the school to discuss how we can support you as you continue to home school your child.

[Frequently asked questions](#) are available to assist you understand how schools will be implementing the transition back to school-based learning (see attachment). This includes hygiene practices such as effective hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, restricting visitors to the school and reminding you to notify our school if your child will not attend.

I ask parents and carers to pay particular attention to the requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m at all times if you need to be on school grounds. Parents and carers should not gather in areas around the school such as carparks, at the school gate and outside classrooms during this time. All parents are expected to use our drop-off and pick-up zone and refrain from walking their child into the school.

It is essential that you keep your child home from school if they are unwell. In accordance with [Queensland Health Directions](#) parents or carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the school.

If your child is in Years 2 – 6, their teachers will continue to deliver prepared lessons and materials via Distance Learning, as they have over the last two weeks.

Again, it is recognised that some parents of Prep and Year 1 students may still wish to keep their children home from school due to concerns about COVID-19. This is an acceptable decision and your child won't be marked as being absent, rather that they are learning from home. It is important for parents to advise the school of student absence as you would normally do, and discuss any support you may need. In these cases, parents and carers remain responsible for their children.

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The decision to return Prep and Year 1 back to school is an important next step towards returning to our regular school routines and I will continue to update you as soon as any new information becomes available.

Our staff have greatly appreciated all the positive feedback that has been provided to them over the last few weeks. My sincere thanks goes to all parents and carers for your support and understanding during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Anton Prinsloo  
**PRINCIPAL**