



ST HILDA'S SCHOOL GOLD COAST

From the Principal

29 March 2021

COVID-19 UPDATE – 29 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will likely be aware, the Queensland Government has announced a 3-day lockdown from 5pm Monday 29 March 2021 to 5pm Thursday 1st April 2021 for the Greater Brisbane area. All members of our community who have been in the Greater Brisbane areas on or since Saturday, 20 March 2021 must follow the restrictions and directions from QLD Health listed here:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/urgent-covid-19-update>.

As always, the health and well-being of our students, families and staff is our highest priority and the following arrangements have been made accordingly.

End of Term

- At this stage, St Hilda's School (including OSHC) will remain open until the end of Term 1 as planned (the last day of Term 1 will be Wednesday, 31 March). We understand some schools have made the decision to close early, but believe these decisions were made in response to large numbers of students visiting Greater Brisbane in the time frames listed above.
- Due to restrictions outlined by QLD Health, it may be that some classes will be supervised over the next 2 days of school if teachers living in the Greater Brisbane Area are unable to be present at School. They will connect with their classes via TEAMS.
- **Prep to Year 12:** For the remaining days of Term 1, parents will not be permitted on campus. The only exception will be for parents who need to collect a child during the school day – these parents will need to physically present themselves at the relevant reception area, remembering to take heed of the Health Advice on Page 2.
- **Pre-Prep and OSHC:** One parent will be permitted to complete the Sign-In/Out process for their daughter to attend Pre-Prep/OSHC. Please see Health Advice on Page 2.

Boarding Travel Arrangements

- Boarding will remain open for the remainder of Term 1.
- Buses to Goondiwindi and Roma will leave on Wednesday, 31 March, one day earlier than originally planned.
- Airport Buses will leave as planned on Thursday, 1 April.
- Parents are to collect their daughters from Boarders Reception but are not to enter the Boarding House, as per current regulations.

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Assessment, Excursions and Sport

- Students who have Assessment due prior to the close of school on Wednesday, 31 March will receive directions from their Head of Faculty about submitting their work. Practical tasks will be rescheduled to Term 2.
- Any Excursions scheduled for this week have been postponed.
- QGSSSA Gymnastics has been postponed and will likely be rescheduled to Term 2.

REMINDER: Health Advice from QLD Health

A reminder that if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, get tested.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- *Stay home if you are sick*
- *If you have any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, get tested*
- *Stay 1.5 metres away from other people—think two big steps*
- *Wash your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser*
- *Leave a location if it is crowded.*

If you have any concerns about your health, contact your doctor or contact 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

We will continue to update you as further information becomes available and encourage you to consult the QLD Health website to stay up to date with alerts and restrictions.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Yours sincerely



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