



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

From the Interim Principal

16 April 2020

HOME-BASED LEARNING AND TERM 2 FEES

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week our Chair of Council, Professor Susan Brandis, indicated that we would be communicating with you this week to notify you of decisions the School Council has made to support families during this challenging time. Our decisions are based on as much current detail as we have been able to gather from the government's announcements, and advice from the Queensland Director General of Education on operating guidelines for schools.

Home-based learning

You will be aware that the State Government announced this week that all schools will be moving to a home-based learning model for the first five weeks of Term 2. Vulnerable children, and children of essential workers (people who must continue to attend their workplace for essential business during this time), can attend School. Students who attend during this period will receive support to participate in the same learning program that is being delivered by their classroom teachers to students who are learning at home. Term 2 commences Tuesday 21 April, and we ask that parents whose children will be at School register their daughter/s attendance by accepting on **Parent Lounge** by Monday 20 April. This will assist us with classroom arrangements to ensure social distancing is observed.

Further advice to assist you with our learning platforms has been prepared by Mr Geoff Powell, Head of St Hilda's Learning Institute. You will receive this information with your daughter's commencement of term communication from her Head of School on Friday 17 April.

Reduction Term 2 School Fees

A 10% discount will apply to tuition fees for Term 2. If you have already paid your fees, your School account will be credited with the discount. A 5% discount for prompt payment of tuition fees paid on or before the due date still applies. The due date has been extended for this purpose to Friday 24 April.

At the end of Term 1 we asked parents to contact us if you require specific support with Term 2 fees. Thank you to those who have been communicating with us, we intend to be back in contact with you by the end of this week.

On behalf of the School Council, I trust these offers of support in some way assist your family whilst we navigate this delicate process of managing the delivery of our high-quality education to your daughters. The partnership between home and school will no doubt be strengthened as we undertake the opportunities which arise with online learning.

At a time when we all draw strength from our capacity to hope and to innovate, I look forward to being in a position to share more favourable news with you on the operations schools are able to adopt for the final month of Term 2. Please keep safe and healthy, continuing to prioritise your family's wellbeing at this unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely

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