



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

From the Principal

1 August 2021

COVID-19 PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – 1 August 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope your family is safe and well this Sunday afternoon as you continue to work through how the current restrictions impact your family. At the time of sending, the link below is still the most up to date in relation to directions issued by the Chief Health Officer.

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/restrictions-for-locked-down-areas>

As noted in my communication yesterday, the current directions require a harder position to the restrictions we worked with in 2020. I would therefore like to call your attention to the Schedule Definitions section of this link, and request that you review the definition on **Essential work or volunteering**.

In short, this refers to *work or volunteering that is necessary to maintain essential services and supplies to the community, or to a part of the community, and that cannot be performed from the person's residence.*

*Examples – a nurse, doctor, cook, teacher, healthcare provider, shelf packer, volunteer at a community centre, or a check out operator perform essential work **in the context of this lockdown.***

As your daughter prepares for her day on Monday, please read over with her the information emailed yesterday from the Director of Pre-Prep, Head of Junior School, or Head of Students.

Some students may express different levels of concerns as they embark upon the change of lesson delivery to online learning. Please remind your daughter that the team of staff at school will be contactable and we will work through any concerns which require further support. Senior staff will be meeting again tomorrow morning and at this stage we will be identifying information on assessment which we can provide to the girls. With students, staff and families from several schools in Brisbane now placed into quarantine, there will undoubtedly be advice from QCAA regarding Senior students' assessment.

Radio National (RN) provides a number of Lockdown Toolkit options which I would recommend should you be seeking podcasts/music which can assist with relaxation and talking to young people about coronavirus.

From our experience last year, and from your feedback, we are confident that working calmly together over the next couple of days as we await further announcements will assist our young people.

Until tomorrow.

Warm regards

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