



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL  
GOLD COAST**

**From the Principal**

31 July 2021

**COVID-19 Update from the Principal – 31 July 2021**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The announcement this morning of the 3 Day Lockdown will have reached most families. Please keep yourself up-to-date with the contract tracing site.

**The directions currently available for schools advise:**

- Schools and childcare centres will remain open for children of essential workers i.e parents who are not able to work from home. (Please check current information on essential workers as the Government are advising this is a more severe lockdown than we have previously experienced)
- The Lockdown is scheduled at this stage to finish at 4pm Tuesday.
- Staff and students onsite are to wear masks – at this stage this pertains to children over 12 years. Students under 12 years who wish to wear a mask are able to do so.

**Arrangements for Boarders:**

- Boarders who are currently on leave with parents, are encouraged to stay with their family if this suits the family's needs
- Boarders on leave in Brisbane with host families are encouraged to stay with their host family. Please contact the boarding house if this is a concern.
- Boarding will remain open, students will be able to attend classes, students will need to wear masks in boarding and in the classroom.

**Arrangements for Pre-Prep:**

- Pre-Prep will continue to operate providing care to children of essential workers. Parents entering the school campus must continue wearing masks correctly.

**Arrangements for Before and After School Care:**

- Before and After School Care will continue to operate providing care to children of essential workers. Parents entering the school campus must continue wearing masks correctly.

**Arrangements for Classes:**

- Students in Years Prep – Year 12 will return to online learning. Specific instructions for Junior and Secondary classes will be sent by the Head of Junior School, Mrs Shuttlewood, and the Head of Students, Ms Upasiri.

**Health Concerns:**

- **Any student of an essential worker who presents with any symptoms of illness will need to return home.** At this stage, Queensland Health appear to be updating a wider range of symptoms to be mindful of in relation to this strand of COVID. We thank you in advance for your assistance with this precautionary measure.

**Daily Updates:** The School will remain in daily communication with parents to advise of any updates for the education sector which we may be required to implement.

Kind regards

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