



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

From the Principal

6 August 2021

COVID-19 Update from the Principal – 6 August 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

We were expectantly awaiting today's press conference to see what updates might assist us with planning for next week. The word which stood out for me was 'hopeful'. So, please expect a communication from me late Sunday afternoon to confirm how schools will be operating next week.

In the meantime, we are preparing for scenario one – nothing changes from this week, and scenario two – back at school albeit with perhaps some restrictions to maintain health and safety.

A small number of us have been in classrooms this week supervising our boarders and students whose parents are essential workers. It has given me the opportunity to see firsthand how self-disciplined the girls continue to be with their learning even when listening to lesson after lesson delivered through their earbuds. Everyone has maintained a positive attitude which I'm sure has been aided by the wellbeing initiatives and games thoughtfully introduced by Mrs Cleverly, Mrs Shuttlewood, Ms Upasiri and Mrs Brodar. I also noticed that our ever-prepared Sports co-ordinators have been sending out suggestions for the girls to maintain their fitness levels whilst in lockdown – an appreciated reminder to keep active.

I hope those at home are also finding an opportunity to observe how their daughter has engaged with her learning and friends this week over TEAMS. We have had some really welcome feedback from parents which we shared with the teaching staff yesterday. Our support staff have assisted a number of families with queries this week, and I would also encourage you to continue to view our website where you will locate the ONLINE LEARNING button, and COVID-19 Updates. We have noted that some family's emails are being returned to us and it appears that some inboxes may be full. If we receive a notification that you haven't received an email we will contact you, however this might be an opportune time for you to check.

Let's continue to be thankful for the community's response in the affected 11 LGAs this week and pray for the continued strength and resilience of those who are facing great challenges during this lockdown.

Kind regards

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