



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

From the Principal

8 August 2021

COVID-19 Update – Sunday 8 August 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This morning's press conference provided us the welcome news that the 11 LGAs will be able to be out of this current Lockdown at 4pm this afternoon. Thank you for your greatly valued cooperation during this period when I'm sure many of you have been under pressure managing your own work environments, family, and schooling.

We are awaiting Queensland Health's update of their 'roadmap'; however, there are some key points which it will be helpful for us all to observe in coming weeks, or until we learn otherwise.

Follow the advice of the Chief Health Officer – if your daughter is unwell, keep her at home. Ensure if she has any symptoms at all that she is tested and receives a negative result prior to her return to the Day School or the Boarding House.

Please, follow the advice from the testing centre on staying at home whilst you await results. Your daughter will be able to return to school when you have received a negative test result notification from Queensland Health.

I will be communicating with teaching staff today to discuss arrangements we can put in place to support students who are:

- a) awaiting a return to school whilst they are isolating or quarantined due to a health directive
- b) a Boarding student who resides in a region where they are currently unable to return to the Gold Coast.

We have managed this form of support successfully since April last year for a number of international students - this style of learning requires coordination and a team approach, it will only be available when we have been notified that a student is confined to their region due to travel restrictions, or in isolation or quarantine due to a Queensland Health direction.

Otherwise:

1. School resumes for all students on Monday and normal timetabled classes will run.
2. All staff, and students in Years 7 – 12, must wear a mask throughout the day. When eating or drinking, and seated, the mask can be removed.
3. Students will be required to continue with the health protocols we have in place for good hygiene practices.
4. There is no community sport for at least the next fortnight; this will include Andrews Cup, Club sports, QGSSSA and BSRA. We will monitor advice on other co-curricular and physical activity.
5. Parents are asked not to be on site. Directions for returning Boarders drop off will be provided by Mrs Rigby, Pre-Prep and Junior School drop off and pick up will be communicated by Mrs Cleverly and Mrs Shuttlewood.

I hope what I have outlined is helpful to your family as you plan for Monday. Any further advice from Queensland Health and I will update you.

Kind regards

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