



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL  
GOLD COAST**

**From the Principal**

13 August 2021

**COVID-19 Update from the Principal – School Operations**

Dear Parents and Guardians

There have been a number of changes to school operations over the past week as we have returned from Lockdown. The Queensland Government Unite & Recover framework, specific advice from Gold Coast Health for Boarding Schools close to the border, and ISQ's updates from Queensland Health and the Department of Education, continue to inform our decisions.

Since Sunday morning we have worked with three significant changes, all of which required time to assimilate into our planning for curriculum, and co-curricular activities across Pre-Prep to Year 12. I have appreciated the ease with which the students and teachers have transitioned between face-to-face learning, online learning, and now, for a number of our boarders, viewing classes each lesson through Teams. Together with the wearing of masks and adjusting to social distancing and desk cleaning rituals again, the adjustments have been widely supported and I am very proud of the St Hilda's response.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Boarding community and the Day School parents who rally so effectively to support the Boarders and Mrs Rigby's team every time a new announcement affects their routines. Your consistent support and generosity have helped these young women maintain their motivation and engagement with their learning. Your efforts are appreciated.

As a community I am sure we would also like to recognise the timely efforts of our Facilities and Maintenance teams. Undeniably, their flexibility in adjusting our requirements to provide a safe environment for students and staff, is always carried out efficiently and with goodwill, even at 6am on a Monday morning when glass walls need to be adjusted.

Assemblies, House Meetings, Chapel Services and co-curricular activities all have formats which adhere to the social distancing guidelines and activities 'with students from the same school'.

We will continue to monitor all updates carefully. This is a letter of thanks in appreciation of your family's support in helping each of us to maintain a safe and positive learning environment for our girls.

Kind regards

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