



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL  
GOLD COAST**

**From the Principal**

5 October 2021

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At the time of writing today, COVID Stage 2 Restrictions remain unchanged for the following LGAs:

- Brisbane
- Gold Coast
- Moreton Bay
- Logan
- Townsville
- Palm Island

The Chief Health Officer has reminded Queenslanders that anyone from these six affected LGAs must abide by the Stage 2 Restrictions, including, wearing masks, if travelling outside the affected LGAs. Anyone outside the impacted areas entering one of the affected LGAs must also abide by the restrictions.

**Stage 2 Restrictions** as identified in the Queensland Government roadmap must be adhered to in the following six local government areas (LGAs):

- Brisbane LGA
- Gold Coast LGA
- Moreton Bay LGA
- Logan LGA
- Townsville LGA
- Palm Island LGA

**FACE MASKS**

Please ensure your daughter is reminded about good mask hygiene – fresh mask for each day, washing cloth masks, disposing of used masks in bins. The mask needs to be worn over the mouth and the nose.

***Indoors***

Under Stage 2 Restrictions masks are to be worn by all staff, including teachers, in both the corporate and school settings and all high school students when indoors, even where physical distancing is possible. Secondary school students are required to wear masks while sitting at their desks and while on dedicated school transport. Under Stage 2 Restrictions you must wear a face mask at all times when you are indoors, including workplaces/schools unless:

- you are alone in an office or meeting room with the door closed
- you are at your residence and there is no one else there except people you live with
- you are eating or drinking
- it is unsafe to wear a mask.

### ***Outdoors***

Under Stage 2 Restrictions you must wear a face mask outdoors when you are unable to stay 1.5 metres away from people who are not from your household (including at public transport waiting areas or taxi ranks and in outdoor workplaces) unless:

- you are alone or with the members of your household
- you are alone in your car or with the members of your household
- you are eating or drinking
- you are participating in strenuous exercise
- it is unsafe to wear a mask.

### **EXPOSURE SITES**

All Queenslanders are being urged to check updated exposure sites listed on the [Queensland Health website](#) and follow the relevant health advice.

### **QLD/NSW BORDER ZONE**

Queensland will update its border restrictions in line with different NSW regions moving into or out of lockdown. [Border Zone Updates](#) will be published on the Queensland Health website.

### ***Non-restricted border zone***

As outlined in the latest [Border Restrictions Direction](#), travel for essential work and essential purposes, between Queensland and some LGAs in the New South Wales border zone is allowed.

Essential work means any work or volunteering that cannot be reasonably done from home. Essential purposes include attending school and receiving medical care.

Staff and students living and working or attending school within the non-restricted border zone are able to cross the border for this purpose, as long as you follow the requirements outlined on the [Queensland Health Website](#), including:

- completing a [Queensland entry pass](#)
- getting tested if you develop any COVID-19 symptoms after arriving in Queensland

- monitoring the list of [interstate exposure venues](#) daily (at least once every 24 hours) from the time you complete a declaration and for 14 days after arriving in Queensland
- complying with [face mask requirements](#).

Staff living in the NSW non-restricted border zone entering Queensland for work are required to have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

Travel across the border for recreation or social visits is not permitted.

Read more about the [non-restricted border zone](#).

### ***Restricted border zone***

Staff and students living in or who have been in the NSW restricted border zone in the previous 14 days are only able to enter Queensland for a limited number of [essential purposes](#). This means staff and students in the restricted border zone are unable to cross the border to attend their workplace or school. Please continue to discuss arrangements with Sheri Upasiri, Amanda Shuttlewood, Amanda Rigby or Mandy Rice. Read more about the [restricted border zone](#).

### ***Interstate travel***

For those who have been interstate, please review the latest [travel restrictions](#) that apply. These restrictions are relevant for places of concern, declared COVID-19 hotspots and exposure venues. This [map](#) provides more detail.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Stay up to date by regularly checking the Queensland Government [COVID-19 website](#).

As always, I would like to thank our St Hilda's families for the patience and forbearance you continue to exhibit as we all work together to make each day as 'normal' as possible for our young people. I shared with our staff this morning a picture of where our many St Hilda's families hail from; it is a privilege for us to be working with you.

Warm regards

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