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Dear Parents and Caregivers

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

The Premier has announced that from;

Monday 11 May, students in **Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12** will be able to return to school.

Monday 25 May, students in **Years 2-10** will be returning to school.

Until that date Years 2 – 10 will continue in their remote learning mode.

This will be confirmed by the Premier on 15 May. We are looking forward to welcoming students back on those days.

We recognise that we are still in the throes of a global pandemic and there are still some community transmissions of the Covid 19 virus. For these reasons, we have started implementing extra preventative measures at school and these will continue until further notice. These measures include;

- Temperature checks for students and teachers every day using non-contact thermometers. Any student who consistently demonstrates a temperature of 37.5 degrees or higher will be isolated and will need to be collected from school.
- Supervised hand washing before and after break times for primary students. For this reason, all students have been asked to bring a bar of personal soap or liquid soap to school every day.
- Secondary students will be reminded to wash their hands using the soap provided in the toilets and to use the hand sanitizer that is available in the classroom.

Parents should not be on the school campus except for the purpose of collecting and dropping off their children. If you do need to be on campus please heed the requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m. Parents and carers must not gather in areas around the school such as the carpark, and outside classrooms. This is going to be particularly challenging when there are more students arriving and departing the campus as school returns to normal but it is important that we all do our part to keep our kids and staff safe and well.

It is essential that you keep your child home from school if they are unwell. In accordance with [Queensland Health Directions](#) parents or carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the school.

The College buses will continue as normal but it would be advisable to check with your bus provider about services.

I also recognise that some parents may still wish to keep their children home from school due to concerns about Covid 19. This is an acceptable decision and your child won't be marked as being absent, rather that they are learning from home. Please make sure to advise us if this is the case.

As the lessons and the learning shifts back to the classroom, it will not be possible to provide the same level of support for those students who choose to continue to work from home. Work will still be provided but it will not be as comprehensive as what it has been over the last three weeks.

The Queensland government has provided a link to [Frequently asked questions](#) are available to assist you to understand how schools will be implementing the transition back to school-based learning.

As always, we will keep you updated of any further developments. Thank you so much for your support and cooperation.

Kind regards



Mike Curtis
Principal