

Saturday, 31 July 2021

Dear parents and carers of students at Broadbeach State School

It will be okay. Together, we've got this!

I know the news today sent shivers down many a spine as the thought of remote learning entered your mind. Trust me, this applied to teachers and school staff too, especially those with school-aged children of their own.

Whilst we cannot forecast whether the snap lockdown will be extended beyond Tuesday, we will be there to support you in any scenario.

For now, **please read the following carefully so you are clear of the expectations** during this lockdown period:

- School staff are considered essential workers and will be required to report to work Monday. Clearly illustrated by what has occurred at Indooroopilly and Ironside, school staff are a vital commodity and we will minimise risk to them primarily for their health and, to avoid any disruption that would occur should we all have to quarantine for 14 days.
- **Only children of essential workers** are to come to school.
- Students will have access to [learning @ home](#) resources and other online consolidation programs which they already use e.g. Mathletics on Monday and Tuesday. Children of essential workers who attend school, will access the same materials and be supervised by teacher aides. Teachers will be preparing and uploading additional online material during Monday and Tuesday in case the lockdown is extended beyond Tuesday.
- All **staff** members (apart from those exempt) will be **wearing masks** in accordance with the mandate. Students in attendance can, but are not required to wear masks (students in secondary school must wear masks).
- PCYC will be operating as usual. Parents are not to enter the grounds. On arrival and collection at the Old Burleigh Road Kiss'n'Go, call PCYC (0417 754241) and a staff member will escort your child to/from the service and arrange signing in/out via an iPad
- Tuckshop will be open for Flexischool orders for the students in attendance
- Parents and carers delivering students are **not to enter the school grounds in the morning**. Staff will be on hand at the Mary Avenue and Old Burleigh Road entry points to ensure students are delivered to their classrooms.
- Kiss'n'Go facilities will be supervised as per normal in the afternoon for those collecting in a vehicle. For those being collected in person, students are to meet parents on the northern end of the school oval (Margaret Avenue end). Parents are to move onto the oval and physically distance from other adults to facilitate this collection. Avoid congregating on the footpath or immediately inside the gate and exit as soon as practical after locating your children.
- We appreciate your adherence to the Government directions. Absences for students learning at home will be specifically coded as authorised.

Please also note:

- The Sports Gala planned for Monday has been cancelled.
- All extra-curricula activities will be cancelled until the restrictions are lifted (e.g. dance, chess, choir, guitar, ukulele, strings).

I remain hopeful that the immediacy and highly-restrictive nature of the lockdown will mean that the restrictions can lift as planned on Tuesday afternoon. If circumstances change, I will communicate their impacts on our school with you.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

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