



Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of Broadbeach State School students

The countdown to the official start of the 2022 school year has entered the final week. Our team has prepared well and is ready to welcome your children to school.

Our aim is to keep things as “normal” as possible whilst adhering to the requirements outlined in the [back to school plan 2022](#) launched last weekend. **Your support will be critical to our success.**

The full [details of the arrangements for 7 February to 4 March](#) referenced in the announcement can be found on Department of Education website.

Additional [frequently asked questions](#) relating to the plan have been included in the online information.

The following summary captures aspects that are important and, in some cases, specific to our context at Broadbeach:

- **Masks:**
 - Masks will be mandatory for staff in schools
 - Except when able to maintain 1.5m distance when teaching
 - Except when able to maintain 1.5m distance when outdoors
 - Masks will be provided (to the extent of our stock) for students in Years 3-6. Students will be encouraged to wear masks when they cannot maintain 1.5m distance from others. If you do not want your child to wear a mask, please discuss with your child and advise your child’s teacher.
 - Cloth masks from home can be used by students to minimise environmental impact.
- **Limiting number of adults on school site:**
 - Only parents of students in Prep and Year 1 to enter the school grounds or parents of vulnerable students. If your child fits the vulnerable category, call the school office this week to make arrangements.
 - There will be specific arrangements for the delivery and collection of Prep and Year 1 students. These details will be sent to Prep and Year 1 families separately.
 - **It is vital that your children know their collection point** – the oval is a good option when on foot as it avoids congestion at the Kiss’n’Go gates.
 - It is recommended that parents use the Kiss’n’Go on Old Burleigh Road and Mary Avenue. Using these facilities according to [established protocols](#) will help everyone.
- **Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT):**
 - RATs will be prioritised for staff and students at [testing clinics](#).
 - Our school will issue a RAT (where available) to parents of any student who develops symptoms during the school day for parents to administer at home.
 - Our school will issue RATs to staff members with symptoms to expedite the results so disruption is minimised and safety is maximised.

- **If someone in your household tests positive**, students in that household are required to [quarantine](#) as a close contact and are not to attend school while in quarantine.
- Where a child is required to quarantine and are well, they can access resources from [Learning at Home](#) and the online programs set up by our school.
- Camps, excursions, assemblies and mass gatherings **will be suspended** until further notice.
- Following the completion of risk assessments and developing COVID-19 safe plans for each specific activity, **most extra-curricular activities** and services provided by external groups **will go ahead**.
- Parent access to the school grounds will be limited for the following activities to ensure we meet COVID safe requirements:
 - **Choir** – information to follow after audition process.
 - **Instrumental Music** – Miss Deb and Mrs Bolton will communicate directly with those in the program.
 - **Chess** – students to be dropped/collected from the gate on Mary Avenue.
 - **Robo Club** – students to be collected from the gate on Mary Avenue.
 - **Dance** – students to be dropped/collected from The James Centre gate on Old Burleigh Road. Invoices will be released on Monday 7 February.
 - **External Providers** (Karate, Junior Engineers, Tae Kwon Do, Soccer, Progress Through Sports, Art Classes) – all information will be communicated by the organisation.
- **Parent-teacher sessions** will be presented online as face-to-face meetings are not possible at this time – more information will be provided by the classroom teachers.
- **Mandatory COVID-19 vaccination** is required for all people working or delivering a service at a school including staff, contractors and volunteers.
- Before and after school care will continue as normal. Please direct all inquiries to PCYC broadbeachsac@pcyc.org.au
- The Brodie Bite (**Tuckshop**) will re-commence from Monday 7 February – orders through [Flexischools](#) only.
- Uniforms can be purchased via [Flexischools](#) at anytime.

It is apparent that in our haste to be organised for the school start, the anticipated class lists were uploaded to the Athletics portal prematurely. Some of you may have accessed this application to ascertain whether your child is in the same class as their friends from 2021. The class lists are the product of a careful and sophisticated process undertaken by teachers and school leaders at the end of 2021, with minor modifications being made daily in response to new enrolments. Given the attention to detail involved by the educational professionals in forming these groups, including the rigorous review of data, and identifying optimum support structures within class groups, I do not expect there to be any changes. Although the leadership team values friendships, our observation is that quality friendships are generally sustained whether in the same class or not, and in many instances friendship groups are broadened and strengthened through exposure to less known and new students within the cohort. I thank you in anticipation for supporting your child to prepare for the inevitable change that comes with a new school year.

As previously advised, the final class placements will be released as planned on Monday 7 February via SMS referencing the class name and class teacher.

In recent weeks, some parents have inquired about vaccinations at Broadbeach State School. For this reason I was prompted to include a reference on our [website news story](#) in relation to this matter.

There is no doubt the pandemic has presented significant challenges and unexpected management procedures. I thank you for your understanding and ongoing support and commend our staff for their commitment to ensuring your children experience a positive and engaging start to the 2022 school year.


Yours sincerely



Bruce Langes
Principal


Useful references:

- [School website – 2022 Parent Information – COVID19](#)
- [Department of Education – Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Queensland Government – COVID19 website](#)
- [Queensland Health website](#)
- [Age appropriate video explaining the virus](#)



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Kiss'n'Go Protocols



KISS & GO

1. Never park your vehicle in the zone during pick up or drop off.
2. If your child has not appeared in **two minutes**, please drive off and return.
3. Remain in your car.
4. If you need to leave your car, find a suitably marked parking space.
5. Arrive on or after 3:00pm (or for Year 3-6 student, arrive after 3:10pm).
6. Move as far forward in the zone as traffic permits (drop-off & pick-up).
7. On exit, proceed to the end of the available zone before merging into traffic.
8. Train your children how to exit and enter the vehicle promptly and safely with their belongings.
9. Train your child to look out for your vehicle in the afternoon.
10. Arrange your vehicle so your child enters from the kerbside only.
11. Never double park and call for your child to move through the queue onto the road.
12. Be calm, patient and courteous.

The safety of students is our priority. Consequently, staff members are deployed to assist the smooth and efficient process of collection. They have been instructed to remind drivers to comply with the road rules and the protocols listed above. Your respect for these staff members is expected and appreciated.

As part of their school zone strategy, police officers regularly visit our school to ensure compliance. Their support is welcome but independent of the school.

