



Friday, August 20, 2021

Dear parents and carers of Broadbeach State School students,

On Wednesday, the Premier announced that from 4:00 pm Friday 20 August there would be some easing of restrictions.

The main points to note for us are:

- Parents and carers, will be allowed back on site, with the **requirement that you wear a mask inside buildings**. Masks may be removed outside as long as 1.5m distance can be maintained.
- **Staff members will be required to wear masks** on site, both indoors and outdoors unless they can maintain a physical distance of 1.5m (some exemptions apply).
- Students in primary schools **will not be required** to wear masks.
- **1.5m physical distancing will remain for adults**.
- **Student of the Week** will be held face-to-face in the James Centre on Monday morning. Adults will be required to wear masks.
- Drop off and pick up of students attending Outside School Hours Care (PCYC) will return to the arrangements in place prior to the COVID-19 restrictions (no requirement to call in advance of drop off and pickup)
- All **extra-curricular** activities will resume.
- **Instrumental** lessons will resume.
- **Itinerant staff** will resume visitation to schools.
- The [border closure with NSW](#) will remain in place.

I ask that, despite the relaxation, you **minimise your time on the school grounds**. Having less people on site will provide our staff more space and an opportunity to enjoy a break from wearing their masks.

I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the Kiss'N'Go facilities on Mary Avenue and Old Burleigh Road for collection in vehicles.

I recommend that Prep – Year 2 students continue using the Mary Avenue entrance where staff members will assist on arrival. We received many positive comments about the advantages of this procedure and the independence displayed by our youngest students. This consistency will also be valuable in the event restrictions return in the future. Afternoon collection for Prep can return to the usual classroom arrangements as set by the individual teachers. If your child is in Year One and Two, please arrange a collection point away from their classroom for your child.

I acknowledge and commend our staff members for their commitment to minimising disruption to schooling during these changing times. Our team at Broadbeach continue to meet each challenge with a growth mindset which in turn, encourages and supports our students manage and grow during this period of change.

I also thank you for your ongoing cooperation and observance of the restrictions relating to COVID-19. Your efforts in maintaining positivity and calm have helped us remain focused on your children and their needs, including their social and emotional wellbeing.

Stay safe and keep smiling.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Langes'.

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