

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers of Broadbeach State School Students,

On Monday, all of our students will be welcomed back to face-to-face learning in classrooms with their classroom teacher. I know that our team is very keen to see them. I commend those of you who have adopted the role of supporting your child during this home learning period. I have appreciated your commitment to supporting the teachers' efforts to ensure continuity of learning. I am aware that for some of you, this has been a rewarding and pleasant experience, whilst for others, Monday 25 May cannot come soon enough.

Welcoming over 1100 students back into our facility has demanded careful planning to ensure that we meet the "COVID-19 safe" conditions outlined by the Chief Medical Officer and Director General of Education. The following information outlines **your responsibilities to help us adhere to these Government Directives**. Please ensure you observe these directions and explain the changes to your child, especially regarding school pick-up.

- **Parents** will have **very limited access to the school**. Face-to-face contact with school staff must be minimised. Email and phone contact is preferred.
- Teaching will **start on time at 8:45am**. Absences and late arrivals will be recorded.
- **Delivery and collection of students has changed**. Your compliance with designated [entry and exit protocols](#) to minimise congestion on footpaths and in gateways is expected and appreciated. A map with detailed guidelines is on Page 2 of this document.
- [Click here](#) for protocols in the Kiss & Go zone
- **Additional cleaning and hygiene** measures will remain in place. These include:
 - Regular disinfecting of the playground equipment and toys
 - Encouraging students to maintain social distancing during eating times
 - Encouraging regular hand washing / sanitizing
 - Additional cleaning of toilets and frequent touch points
 - Regular checking and replenishing of soap dispensers
 - Opening of windows and doors to enhance airflow in classrooms
 - Disinfectant misting of shared classroom materials
- It is **essential that you keep your child home from school if they are unwell**. In accordance with [Queensland Health Directions](#) parents or carers must immediately collect a child when a staff member reasonably suspects the child is unwell. Be assured that our staff are also required to adhere to the same health standards.
- **Camps, excursions and incursions** remain suspended until government restrictions ease.
- **Split breaks** will be reinstated to minimised congestion in play spaces.
- For updates on Extra-Curricular activities [click here](#).
- **Tuckshop will be open** for lunch orders via Flexischools. Students may purchase breakfast before school and snacks during break times.
- Recipients of Student of the Week awards will be presented their certificate in class.
- Progress reports for students will be distributed at the end of this term. Details about these will be outlined in the newsletter on Monday.
- Library will remain closed for borrowing. Overdue books may be returned to the classroom teacher.
- Home readers will not be sent home until further notice. However, the free eBook Digital Library is available until 20 July 2020.
- We are planning a modified version for an Athletics Carnival to be held later in the year.
- Year 4, 5 and 6 Sport will resume as normal with extra hygiene practises in place.

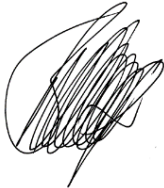
Parents choosing to keep their children at home will have sole responsibility for the supervision and continuity of learning. The [Learning@home](#) materials and television programs prepared by the Department of Education will be available. Be aware that, whilst based on the Australian Curriculum, these materials do not align with the targeted teaching that will be delivered by teachers in classrooms. Maintenance of the **virtual classrooms** that had been facilitated by teachers during home learning **will cease**.

I am very pleased that **all classroom teachers will be back at school Monday**. I acknowledge the collective commitment by our team, especially those staff members who have vulnerabilities that place them at a higher risk than the general population.

On Monday and throughout the week, some of our staff will be assisting with adherence to the arrival and departure protocols. I anticipate your compliance with their directions and respect towards them, as they keep your children safe.

The restrictions associated with COVID-19 have led to some significant interruptions to learning for some students. Please rest assured that we will be striking a balance between our desire to make up for lost time and the social and emotional well-being of all students. I have every confidence in our education experts.

Stay safe and keep smiling.



Bruce Langes
Principal

[Entry and Exit Protocols - Map](#)

[Extra Curricula Activities Update](#)

["Kiss and Go" Zone Protocols](#)

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[Chief Medical Officer's Advice to Parents and Carers about Students Returning to School](#)