

Thursday, 7 May 2020

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Dear Parents and Carers of Broadbeach State School,

I am delighted that we will be **welcoming** our **Prep** and **Year 1** students back to school next **Monday**. The teachers are looking forward to having “their” students back in “their” rooms. The **virtual classrooms will cease** to operate for **Prep and Year 1** from Monday.

As **experts in education**, our teachers will quickly ascertain the learning needs of each student and will adjust their programs accordingly. Our teachers are very grateful for the assistance you have provided at home in maintaining learning habits during this period of remote learning.

Our teachers in **Years 2 to 6** are counting down the days to **May 25** when they hope to be able to teach their students in their “real” classrooms again. Until then, they will adhere to Government guidelines and **continue** to support learning through the **virtual classrooms**.

To ensure our transition is smooth and COVID-19 restrictions are observed, please note the following:

- **Parent access** to the school grounds will be **heavily restricted with:**

Two entry points (before school):

1. Alexandra Avenue gate - for Prep
2. James Centre gate - for Year One and children of essential workers

Three exit points (after school):

1. Alexandra Avenue gate - for Prep
 2. James Centre gate - for Year One and children of essential workers **being collected from the “Kiss and Go” Zone**
 3. From the oval inside the Margaret Street Gate for Year One and children of essential workers **being collected by parents in person**
- The Administration gate (next to staff carpark) is restricted, only providing access to the Administration building when absolutely necessary - the preferred method of contact remains via email/phone.

Before School Routine

Prep students:

- **Prep students** must enter and exit from **Alexandra Avenue gate** (near bus shelter).
- Prep students to arrive at the Alexandra Avenue gate from 8:30am.
- Older siblings are required to enter via the James Centre gate (see below).
- School staff will oversee the drop off and collection of Prep students to ensure social distancing requirements are met.
- The Alexandra Avenue gate will be locked at 9:00am.
- In the event that your child is late to school, parents must call the office 55 708444.

Year 1 students & children of essential workers:

- The James Centre gate will be open from 8:00am for Year 1 students and children of **essential workers** in **Year 2 to Year 6** (Old Burleigh Road gate).
- To avoid congregations and assist in maintaining social distancing requirements for adults, I strongly encourage the use of the ‘Kiss & Go’ zone at the James Centre entrance.
- Upon arrival, students in Year 1 to Year 6 will be supervised until 8:30am after which they will be directed to class.

After School Routine

Prep students:

- Parents will enter via the **Alexandra Avenue gate**.
- Signage pertaining to social distancing must be observed.
- Students will be lined up in class groups in the Undercover Area.
- School staff will coordinate the release of students to parents.

Year 1 students & children of essential workers:

- Students being collected by car to exit via The James Centre Gate directly to the 'Kiss & Go' zone; or
- Students being collected in person to exit via the Margaret Street Gate on the oval – parents to wait inside designated collection area inside the gate.
- Please ensure your child/ren know where you intend to collect them at the end of the day.

If there is an emergent need for early collection, phone the school office (55708444) ahead of time. If your Prep or Year 1 child will not be in attendance please advise via QParents or absence line.

Health & Hygiene

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 who a staff member reasonably suspects is unwell. Be assured that our staff are also required to adhere to the same health standards.

The following practices will continue to support our health and hygiene strategy:

- Regular disinfecting of the playground equipment
- Encouraging students to maintain social distancing during eating times
- Encouraging regular hand washing / sanitizing
- Additional cleaning of toilets and frequent touch points
- Regular checking of soap dispensers
- Opening of windows and doors to enhance air flow in classrooms

Attendance survey

- Parents of students in Year 2 to Year 6 are required to complete the weekly survey (including full name, class and days in attendance) by 6:00pm Saturday.

Home Learning

- Parents who opt to keep their Prep/Year 1 child/ren at home will have access to the [Learning@Home](#) site. The site includes guidance to the television options available to families. As the teachers will be teaching face-to-face fulltime, the **Virtual Classroom will cease to operate**.
- If you choose to keep your Prep/Year 1 child/ren at home due to **underlying medical issues as directed by a medical professional**, please email - admin@broadbeachss.eq.edu.au
- For students in Year 2 to Year 6, the Virtual Classroom lessons will continue.

PCYC Outside School Hours Care

- Remains in operation.
- If you require their services, please call 0417754241.
- Parents may briefly enter the grounds via the James Centre gate to deliver and collect their children from this service.

I will close by thanking you for your ongoing commitment to supporting us in our endeavour to provide a safe working and learning environment.

Stay safe and keep smiling.



Bruce Langes
Principal

- [Chief Medical Officer's Advice to Parents and Carers about Students Returning to School](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) regarding how schools will be implementing the transition back to school-based learning.
- [Term 2 Learning @ Broadie](#)