



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

From the Interim Principal

8 May 2020

COVID-19 COMMUNIQUE – 8 May 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Premier has announced that from **Monday 11 May 2020**, students in Kindy/Pre-Prep, Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 will be able to return to their school and community kindergarten.

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children will continue to be able to attend school for supervision. If you have other circumstances that mean you would like your daughter to attend school, please contact us to discuss this.

For students in Years 2 – 10, the current home-based learning arrangements will remain in place. If low COVID-19 transmission rates continue, students in Years 2 – 10 will be able to return to school from **Monday 25 May 2020**. Confirmation of this step will be made by 15 May 2020.

Hygiene practices such as effective hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, restricting visitors to the school, and reminding you to notify the School if your child is unwell, will assist us in managing student and staff health.

It is essential that you keep your child home from school if they are unwell. In accordance with [Queensland Health Directions](#) parents or carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately.

I ask parents and carers to pay particular attention to the requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m at all times if you need to be on school grounds. Parents and carers should not gather in areas around the school such as carparks, at the school gate and outside classrooms during this time. Please make use of our stop, drop and go area wherever possible.

If your daughter is in Years 2 – 10, her teachers will continue to deliver prepared lessons via online learning, as they have over the last three weeks.

It is recognised that some parents of Pre-Prep, Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 students may still wish to keep their children home from school due to concerns about COVID-19. This is an acceptable decision and your daughter won't be marked as being absent, rather that she is learning from home. It is important for parents to advise the school of student absence as you would normally do and discuss any support you may need. Our Boarding House is continuing to manage arrangements for a return to boarding for Year 12 students as advice from authorities continues to be released.

Our staff have greatly appreciated all the positive and constructive feedback that has been provided to them over the last few weeks. My sincere thanks go to all parents and carers for your support and understanding during these challenging times. Together our support of the girls will continue to assist them to love learning and expand their expectations of themselves.

Yours sincerely

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