



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

From the Interim Principal

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COVID-19 UPDATE – 15 MAY 2020

WORKING WITH QUEENSLAND ROADMAP TO EASING RESTRICTIONS

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Here we are at the end of another eventful week. We have been thrilled to have our Prep, Year 1 and Year 11 and 12 students re-join us on campus this week. Honestly, I'm not sure whether the smiles of the staff or the girls were broader; suffice to say it has been a joyful time.

We also welcomed the return of some of our Senior Boarders and hope to see them united with Year 11 Boarders in the coming week. The Premier announced today that due to continued low transmission rates, students in Years 2–10 will be able to return to school on Monday 25 May. However, many of our Boarders due to the restrictions placed on residential boarding, as well as students with medical concerns, will continue to be supported with learning at home. Mrs Amanda Shuttlewood will communicate with parents how support will be provided to Junior School students and Mr David Goodburn will communicate details to Middle and Senior School students and their parents.

This week the State's Roadmap to Easing Queensland's Restrictions has provided us with some guidance on expectations for the reintroduction of sport and cultural activities. Planning is underway and we will advise students and families of our progress in the course of the next couple of weeks as further public health advice becomes available.

On-site health and safety continue to be a focus, particularly with increased numbers of students attending school. Please encourage your daughter to bring her own water bottles for her personal use and to regularly wash her hands. There were a few looks of surprise when I asked some of the girls this week if they had washed their hands before beginning their morning tea! It's so easy to forget newly established routines.

As previously advised, unwell students are not to attend school and we will ask you to collect your daughter if she arrives and is unwell. Parent and visitor access to the School grounds also remains restricted.

On our part, we are maintaining increased cleaning schedules, and working to assist all on site with physical distancing measures. It is a strange time when so much of our communication is about maintaining public health measures - still, we are fortunate to be seeing the many benefits the Gold Coast community is enjoying due to everyone's vigilance and community-minded approach.

I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable weekend as I'm sure many of you will begin to plan for some social gatherings with friends and family.

Kind regards

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