



## ST HILDA'S SCHOOL GOLD COAST

From the Interim Principal

26 March 2020

### COVID-19 UPDATE – 26 MARCH 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Certainly, this has been a week where information and directives from governments have required a quick response, together with consideration of the many facets of the school as an organisation.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all our Boarding families and our Boarding staff who have worked so efficiently and cooperatively to organise early departure for Boarders. It is a pity that the government's announcement of the closure of state borders was made before any detail could be shared with the community. Nevertheless, as each day passes, we have some clarity about movement between Queensland and New South Wales, and hopefully further information will become available prior to the commencement of Term 2.

I had the loveliest email from one of our Boarders last night who shared with me that she had arrived home and it is 'green'. In these trying times we all benefit from hearing how much joy can be shared when we stop and can be thankful.

#### **Student Free Days / Student Support with a Supervision Environment next week**

The Premier has announced today that all Queensland schools will have Student Free Days next week. The Early Childhood Centre, which includes Pre-Prep and the OSHC, will continue to run their normal day. At this point in time, we do not have a large number of students who have registered for our **Supervision Environment Days**, Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April. However, as you continue to finalise your arrangements for next week, please remember that this service is available to your family. I have written to each of the Middle and Senior School year groups to advise the girls of arrangements for next week, to ensure they are aware of what we can offer them. The Daily Timetable outlining the week is included below. If you wish to utilise the service, please register by [clicking here](#)

#### **CURRICULUM UPDATE**

Today, the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA), announced their intention to assist Year 12 students by removing one internal assessment from the total of four prescribed in each syllabus. Next week, Senior School Staff will consider the ramifications of this announcement on their planning and teaching objectives for Term 2 and beyond.

I would like to direct parents' attention to the online learning protocols which have been released by Mrs Shuttlewood for Junior School and by Mr Goodburn for Middle and Senior School. As we begin to move into the learning-at-home environment, it is essential to take time now to familiarise yourself and your daughter with eSafety education. Students have also been introduced to study skills in an online environment - conversations at home about what your daughters have learned about working in these spaces would be timely.

#### **FEES AND THE CURRENT ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT**

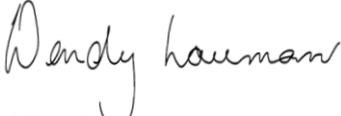
With the current economic situation where many businesses are experiencing hardship or being required to close, we are mindful that many of our families will be reviewing their circumstances. Please know that included with the Term 2 fee statement will be a communication which will provide a guide for families who

may wish to discuss their situation with us. We are committed to working with you to enable, wherever possible, all the girls to continue their education without interruption.

Of course, as more directives are received on how we are all to manage the COVID-19 pandemic, we will know more about whether Term 2 resumes as normal, whether we are to operate in the online mode or, even more likely, a blend of the two. This will have implications for those girls who would normally be Boarders; Boarding fees would then be reviewed in light of whether the Boarding House could reopen during the term.

I would like to thank parents once again for your support as we endeavour to manage these unprecedented circumstances together, to provide the girls stability and a continued sense of their own safety.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Lauman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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### Daily Timetable: Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April

7.50-8.20am	<p><b>Check in: Temperature Check at designated areas below</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years P-6: Junior School Reception</li> <li>• Years 7-12: Middle School Reception</li> </ul> <p><i>Any girls with a cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, chest complaints or a temperature, will be sent home.</i></p>
8.30am	<p><b>Move to designated areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prep–Year 4: Abbey 9</li> <li>• Years 5-9: JS Library</li> <li>• Years 10–12: Jennifer Reeves Building</li> </ul>
8.30 -10.30am	<p><b>Supervised Learning Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prep –Year 4: Complete tasks set by teaching staff</li> <li>• Years 5–9: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Years 5-6: Complete tasks set by teaching staff</li> <li>○ Years 7-9: Complete project-based work provided by supervising staff</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Years 10-12: Continue with Term 2 preparation</li> </ul>
10.30 – 11.00am	<p><b>Morning Tea</b></p>
11.00 - 12.30pm	<p><b>Supervised Learning Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prep –Year 4: Complete tasks set by teaching staff</li> <li>• Years 5–9: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Years 5-6: Complete tasks set by teaching staff</li> <li>○ Years 7-9: Complete project-based work provided by supervising staff</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Years 10-12: Continue with Term 2 preparation</li> </ul>
12.30 - 1.30pm	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
1.30 - 3.15pm	<p><b>Supervised Learning Time</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prep –Year 4: Complete tasks set by teaching staff</li> <li>• Years 5–9: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Years 5-6: Complete tasks set by teaching staff</li> <li>○ Years 7-9: Complete project-based work provided by supervising staff</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Years 10-12: Continue with Term 2 preparation</li> </ul> <p><b>Pack up and Roll Call</b></p>
3.15 -3.25pm	<p><b>Temperature Check at designated areas below</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years P-6: Junior School Reception</li> <li>• Years 7-12: Middle School Reception</li> </ul> <p><i>Any girls with a cough, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, chest complaints or a temperature, will be sent home.</i></p>
<b>Please Note:</b>	<p><b><i>Students in Prep –Year 9 are to wear their HPE uniform and bring their hats. (The girls may also be given the opportunity to be involved in physical activity sessions throughout the week)</i></b></p>