



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

From the Interim Principal

16 April 2020

BOARDING TERM 2 2020

Dear Boarding Families,

Wednesday afternoon's teleconference with the Queensland Department of Health's Medical Director for Communicable Diseases, in relation to Boarding School operations, proved to be informative and definitive on the approach we are required to adopt for at least the first five weeks of Term 2.

Queensland Health recommends Boarding remains closed due to the particularly high risk involved in managing requirements for students' safety in a residential environment during this pandemic.

Whilst discussing any possible concessions to this scenario, we were informed that each student would need to be provided with her own bedroom, toilet and bathroom. These facilities are not available in our current accommodation. So, our position continues to be one of understanding how we can best support your daughters over the coming term.

Mrs Boyle and Mrs Rigby have already contacted a number of our families whose daughters have been residing with friends, relations or in homestay accommodation during the Easter break. We thank you for your willingness to assist in determining plans for your daughter should Boarding need to close. We now need to ask you to put those plans into place. Please keep in contact with our Head of Boarding and Deputy Head of Boarding as you confirm arrangements.

Miss Barrell, School Registrar, will remain in contact with our International Boarding families. In coming weeks, Heads of each Boarding House will be in communication with all Boarding families to continue this important relationship between school and home.

In relation to Boarding Fees for Term 2, these will be removed from your School account. If you have already paid the Term 2 fees, a credit will be placed on your School account for Term 3. If you would prefer a refund, please contact us via fees@sthildas.qld.edu.au.

If your daughter is on the Gold Coast or able to travel, she is welcome to attend School with the same arrangements which are in place for Day Girls. Unfortunately, for our boarders across the border, we have been advised that permits are required and that, if and when Boarding Houses reopen, an isolation period would apply in addition to the permit. This will no doubt be an issue we will be able to discuss further with families when circumstances change.

I know for many families this opportunity to be together has been very welcome. Our hope is that we can continue to work together to support each girl to achieve her goals for this year, even if some goals have had to be adjusted because of the limitations put in place to keep us all safe and well.

Thank you for keeping in contact and I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Yours sincerely

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