

One Student One Community Many Futures

11 January 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

As announced by the Premier on Sunday 9 January, the start of the 2022 school year in Queensland will move from 24 January to 7 February to avoid opening schools during the predicted peak of the Omicron wave and allow more time for children to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations.

From Monday 31 January, Year 11 and 12 students will undertake remote learning for one week until the revised formal start of the school year on 7 February.

We are reducing the number of staff on our school site to minimise transmission and further protect the health and safety of our school community.

Our school will remain open for children of essential workers and vulnerable children during this period.

Essential workers are only those who absolutely must continue to attend their workplace during this time. This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses and other front-line medical staff, retail workers, haulage drivers and police officers. The Department of Education has asked all parents to consider the Chief Health Officer's advice and stay home with your children if you can.

If you need to send your child to school you must ensure your child is well and not displaying any signs of illness.

School staff will supervise any students who attend school. We will not be providing teaching activities during this time, nor are you expected to supervise remote learning for students who stay at home.

However, if you would like to support your child's learning during this time you can access the Department of Education's [learning@home website](#). This site contains a range of student learning material and links to other high-quality education websites.

Early next week you will receive a survey seeking information on whether your child will require supervision at school. This is essential information that will enable us to plan for how many staff will need to be on campus to supervise. Staff will be working remotely where possible.

All students in secondary schools must adhere to the mandatory mask direction. Could you please ensure that students have a supply of masks and bring a few masks to school each day in case of damage or loss.

Administration, Finance and Uniform Shop will open from Tuesday 18 January.

Administration Office Hours

Tuesday January 18 th	8am – 3pm
Wednesday January 19 th	8am – 3pm
Thursday January 20 th	8am – 3pm
Friday January 21 st	8am – 2:30pm

Monday 31 st onwards regular hours	
Mondays	8am to 3pm
Tuesdays to Fridays	8am – 3.30pm

Finance and Uniform Shop Hours

	FINANCE	UNIFORM SHOP
Tuesday January 18 th	8am – 3pm	8am – 3pm
Wednesday January 19 th	8am – 3pm	8am – 3pm
Thursday January 20 th	10:30am – 5pm	10:30am – 5pm
Friday January 21 st	8am – 12pm	8am – 12pm

Monday January 24 th	8am – 3pm	8am – 3pm
Tuesday January 25 th	8am – 3pm	8am – 3pm
Wednesday January 26 th	CLOSED	
Thursday January 27 th	8am – 3pm	8am – 3pm
Friday January 28 th	CLOSED	

Monday 31 st onwards regular hours		
Mondays to Thursdays	8am – 12:45pm	8am – 12pm
Fridays	CLOSED	

I realise these latest developments may create challenges for families; please be assured these decisions have been taken as a necessary response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

The Department of Education will continue to keep all principals up-to-date with any further changes to schooling over the coming weeks and I will continue to provide parents with this information as it becomes available. Further information for parents has been developed including [frequently asked questions](#).

I encourage you to stay informed of the latest developments relating to COVID-19 by regularly visiting the [Queensland Government website](#).

I would like to thank parents and carers for preparing your children, our students, for the changes in their learning for the commencement of the 2022 school year during this difficult and unprecedented time.

Together as 'One Community' we will ensure that 2022 is a year of continued opportunity and success for our students. Our community has shown remarkable resilience during the COVID pandemic, responding rapidly to ever-changing scenarios and we will continue to do so.

Kind regards



Karen Lindsay

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