



Monday, 16 August 2021

Dear Park Ridge SHS parents and caregivers

As you would be aware the Premier has today announced a hard border closure with NSW this weekend past.

Unlike previous border closures, this border closure has strengthened restrictions for entry into Queensland as per the updated [health](#) directive. This directive now outlines that school staff residing in NSW are no longer considered essential workers.

The directive also outlines that only children of **essential workers (please refer to current definition on Queensland Government website)**, and an adult who is required to transport the child to attend face to face [schooling](#) or a childcare facility, may cross the border.

I realise the latest developments may create challenges for many staff, students and families. Please be assured we have plans in place that will enable the ongoing delivery of teaching and learning.

For our school there may be a range of scenarios that will need to be considered. These may include:

- a student's regular teacher not being able to attend our school. Classes may be delivered virtually under supervision or by a replacement teacher;
- a student not being able to attend school. In this scenario, a staff member will contact the family to discuss a plan for remote learning;
- a student being able to attend school or a child care facility because the parent/carer is an essential worker.

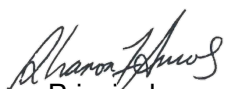
The Department of Education will continue to keep me informed of any further changes to school arrangements and I will continue to provide the school community with this information as soon as it becomes available.

Further information for parents is available in the [Department of Education's frequently asked questions](#).

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

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely


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