



Saturday July 31, 2021

Dear Park Ridge Parents and Caregivers,

You may be aware of the positive cases of COVID-19 within our Brisbane area resulting in the closure of several Brisbane high schools. I hope that you, your family, and friends have not been affected directly by this situation. If you have, please let us know so that we can support you.

Following further advice from Queensland Health, additional schools including our own school, will now also close from Monday August 2 to Tuesday August 3, ensuring thorough contact tracing is undertaken.

At this stage, we have been advised that the lockdown will finish at 4:00pm on Tuesday August 3, however this could change. If the lockdown is extended, we will let you know as quickly as possible. Monday will be a planning day for our staff to get ready for remote learning, with on-line classes in place for Tuesday.

The school will be closed to most students and parents on the dates indicated. Children of essential workers will still be allowed on-site and be supervised only on Monday and supported for their online learning at school on Tuesday. Any student attending school on these two days must come to school wearing and mask. The mask must be worn for the entire school day. This is a significant change from our previous lockdowns.

We must allow vulnerable staff to work from home, this will mean that we will be operating with a dramatically reduced workforce.

No student attending school on these two days will be permitted to leave the school grounds unless being collected by a parent.

To ensure that we get on top of this latest outbreak, please do not send your child to school unless absolutely necessary. Again, instruction will only be provided on the Tuesday and this will still be an on-line platform even if the child is in attendance.

Supervision and care on Monday August 2, may include.

- Students operating from a central location
- Activities such as reading, viewing film and media and limited digital resources
- Reduced breaks that occur more regularly (15 minutes for food and exercise, frequently throughout the day)
- Phones switched off and out of sight
- Access only to devices and programs permitted by Education Queensland

Students must be in full school uniform, adhere to the 1.5 metre social distancing rules (set down by our government), wear their mask all day and must be well-behaved and supportive. Students unable to comply will need to be sent home. I am sure that this will not be necessary as we are all aware of the importance of keeping each other safe. Students must be in good health to attend school. We will not have canteen facilities in operation, so students will need to bring food from home. We greatly appreciate your support.

Warm Regards,

Sharon Amos
Principal
Park Ridge SHS