



Friday, 22 May 2020

Dear Park Ridge Parents and Caregivers,

It has been great having the year 11 and 12 students back over the past two weeks. It is now time for us to all work hard to support them to get back on track and make sure that this year is successful for them. We are also thinking of ways that we can celebrate our year 12 students; we know that they have missed many of the milestones this year. I will give you more detail around how that will look soon.

We welcome back all remaining year levels from Monday 25 May 2020. We are all excited to see to see them again.

The decision to return to school for all students is supported by Queensland's Chief Health Officer and aligns with the Government's response to COVID-19. Click this link for back to school [frequently asked questions](#).

From next Monday we will resume regular teaching and learning for all students. We are expecting the return of all students across all remaining year levels. You can choose to keep your child at home due to medical or COVID-19 transmission concerns in which case you remain responsible for your child's supervision, learning, safety and wellbeing. The [learning@home website](#) and curriculum-based television programs remain available for Term 2. Our teachers will maintain their online learning spaces, but this will no longer be the primary mode of teacher instruction.

As I have outlined in my previous communications, we have implemented a range of safety and hygiene measures to keep our community safe. Regular hand washing with soap and water combined with regular disinfecting of high touch surfaces and classrooms remains our most effective weapon against the spread of virus including COVID:19.

We ask that you keep your child home if they are sick or displaying cold and flu like symptoms. In accordance with [Queensland Health Directions](#), parents or carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the school.

The oval will now be open, as will the canteen. The basketball courts and gym will remain closed. Student will not be engaged in high level contact sports as this constitutes a level 2 risk.

Although most of our students have not been physically at school for 2 months now I want to assure everybody that the rules have not changed. In times of change and uncertainty it is vital that we maintain our high expectations for student behaviour to ensure all students are kept safe and supported.

I would like to remind all members of our community that Park Ridge State High School is a uniform School. The uniform must be worn in its entirety, this sets up the professional learning day and helps build a sense of community and belonging. Students attending school out of uniform will be changed into loan uniform (all loan uniform meets current hygiene standards).



Our uniform shop is stocked and open. If you have any specific uniform concerns, please contact the school. I need to remind parents that we do not accept notes to excuse non-uniform clothing items. However, if there is an issue around uniform, please contact the school and the Support HOD will negotiate a support plan with you.

On behalf of all our staff I sincerely thank you for your patience and support over the last 2 months. The positive feedback from our school community and the willingness of parents and carers to partner with us in support of your children's learning, has been greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,

Sharon Amos
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