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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you would be aware, the Premier has announced the following local government areas will be entering a three-day lockdown, from 4pm Saturday 31 July 2021 until 4pm Tuesday 3 August 2021.

- City of Brisbane
- City of Gold Coast
- City of Ipswich
- Lockyer Valley Regional Council
- Logan City
- Moreton Bay Region
- Noosa Shire Council
- Redland City
- Scenic Rim Regional Council
- Somerset Regional Council
- Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

Anyone who has been in these local government areas is expected to stay at home unless for an <u>essential purpose</u>. This includes people who have travelled to these areas from other locations. The <u>Queensland Government website</u> will be updated with further information on the lockdown, including all restrictions and maps of the affected areas. I encourage you to monitor these links as they will continue to be updated over the coming days.

Students of essential workers\* or vulnerable children\* can attend Caboolture State High School during the lockdown period, and arrangements will be made for those of our students learning from home to commence remote learning from Tuesday 3 August. You will receive more detailed communication about learning from home and processes for vulnerable children and children of essential workers attending onsite in the very near future. Should you wish to supplement Caboolture State High School's learn from home arrangements, parents and carers can also make use of the <u>learning@home website</u>.

\* Children of essential workers may attend school on the days that the essential worker is working, if no other arrangements can be made for the child. (Essential worker means any worker who must continue to attend their workplace for essential business during this time.)

\* Vulnerable children include children identified by schools or who:

Are currently receiving services from Child Safety, including children who are subject to a child protection order; or are subject to a youth justice order.

Only students who meet these criteria are able to attend school – all other students will be sent home. Where the student is learning at home, the parent or carer is responsible for the student's safety and wellbeing at home or elsewhere.

There is now a requirement that all staff at Caboolture State High School and students in secondary schools wear face masks. While this is a new requirement in school settings, all people over the age of 12 should already be wearing masks when out in the general population. I thank our parents and carers for also wearing a mask should you need to enter the school grounds.

In the current climate, I would like to reassure our families that the health and wellbeing of Caboolture State High School students is paramount and as a result, our current priorities are to:

1. Minimise the risk of children and staff becoming unwell

2. Minimise levels of fear and anxiety within our school community and specifically for children.

## As a school we are planning for two scenarios:

- Scenario 1: Lockdown Monday and Tuesday. Schools are closed to all but students of essential workers. Schools re-open Wednesday
- Scenario 2: Lockdown Monday and Tuesday. Lockdown extends, schools remain closed

In both scenarios we will stay connected to our students via online learning.

### Our approach to learning at Caboolture State High School

We anticipate very few students will require supervision at school and that the majority of students will remain at home. With this in mind, we can now confidently plan for home based online learning and this is what will be delivered to all students, (even if they attend, as per the above two categories.) No usual, on site classes will be running on Monday or Tuesday.

Our top priority Monday will be to get everyone 'connected' to digital on-line learning. In times of change and or hardship we are here to support you. Please call the school if your student:

- Doesn't have access to a laptop/computer with access to the internet
- Needs their password reset
- Can't log onto ONE SCHOOL

To help speed up individual calls, please have your student logged onto their computer, ready to go. You will be asked a question to verify your identity. Yes, students can also ring the HOTLINES themselves if you are unable to.

#### HOTLINES

- Finance hotline 5498 0150
- IT Technician or I don't have access to a laptop / computer hotline 5498 0117 or 5498 0112
- I need my password reset hotline or I can't log into ONE SCHOOL- 5498 0131

#### No printed materials available in the first week

At this stage we have not developed a strategy around providing printed materials for students and will focus on getting everyone connected with a device. This will be particularly important if the lockdown is extended on Wednesday.

#### What digital platforms are we using?

Consistency in our digital leaning platforms will help both staff and students, therefore we will be delivering our at home learning via either:

- 1. Microsoft TEAMS
- 2. ONE NOTE
- 3. eLearn through The Learning Place online collaboration spaces i.e. blackboard
- 4. Student and staff school email addresses

Students need to be familiar with these platforms and be ready to receive the first set of curriculum materials or instructions from their teachers on Tuesday 3 August.

**Scenario 1:** Lockdown Monday and Tuesday. Schools are closed to all but students of essential workers. Schools reopen Wednesday.

Due to the uncertainty, we will post pone most things until we know what is happening Wednesday. The following will be postponed:

- SET Plans and subject selections for 2022
- All assessment 7 to 12
- Excursions (including EKKA)

## **Student Protection Policy**

Please help us by explaining to your students that staff are not allowed to reply to emails from students that have been sent from their personal email accounts, only their school email accounts. Likewise, staff and students are not to interact with each other on social media platforms outside of the school sanctioned ones. We will be using Microsoft TEAMS, ONE NOTE and the Department of Education's Blackboard eLearn platforms. Likewise, staff are only able to contact students via their parent's mobile phones, therefore email is the best method of communication. Students can call the hotlines using their own mobiles. It will be important to establish the parameters around parent, student and teachers contact and reasonable response times. Teachers need to be able to delineate the difference between their 'home' and 'work' time, therefore we will need to establish appropriate online times between 8.45am and 4:00pm. Likewise, response times could be between 24 to 48 hours due to the expected increase in the volumes of emails teachers will receive during online learning.

Staff will not be available 24/7 to respond to student and or parent emails during the lockdown, rather this will occur in a predictable manner so that the appropriate work life balance is in place for teachers. We will also be managing arrangements for vulnerable staff or staff who live with a vulnerable person. This means that in some cases your student's timetabled teacher will not be available and a different teacher will be the contact person.

## Guidelines from the Department of Education around time allocations for subjects

## Curriculum Year 7 to 10

You can be confident that no Year 7 to 10 student will be disadvantaged by these changes and that we are committed to providing the best access and connection to curriculum that we can, with the resources we have. The Education Department has advised us that:

	Years 7 – 10				
Australian Curriculum	English / literacy activities	Maths /numeracy activities	Science	Health and Physical Education	Other
	60-70min	45-60min	30min	30min	40min

If the lockdown continues beyond Tuesday, students will be taught a modified curriculum from the Australian Curriculum in year 7 to 10 as in the diagram above. Assessment and reporting for Term 3 / Semester 2 will be adjusted by teachers to reflect the nature of learning over this time, if required.

# In line with this advice, we will be providing as a minimum home learning, online for the following subjects in year 7 to 10 starting Tuesday:

- Maths 3 x 70 minutes per week
- English 3 x 70 minutes per week
- Science 2 x 70 min
- Humanities 2 x 70 minutes per week
- HPE 1 x 70 minutes per week
- LOTE, The Arts, Technology subjects and other electives 1 x 70 minutes per week

# In Years 11 and 12 all subjects will maintain curriculum for 3 x 70 minutes with individual adjustments for practical subjects.

# Curriculum Year 11 to 12

You can be confident that no year 11 or 12 student will be disadvantaged by the situation COVID has created for us at school. Teachers of our 11 or 12 senior students will continue to maintain access to curriculum using the online platforms and email. For some more practical subjects this might be a bit more difficult, but we will simply just have to find a way or push back timelines to complete some practical projects. In some cases, materials may be able to be sent home for completion. The one advantage we have is that our kids are already really good at taking photos and videos! Individual subject teachers of year 11 and 12 students will be in direct contact with their senior students and Heads of Department, Guidance Officers and Deputy Principals will be in direct contact with parents and students if Lockdown is extended. We are here to support students and families through this.

# So, what will a school day look like for students on Monday and Tuesday......and then on Wednesday if still in lockdown?

The expectation is that students will establish a home study area so that they can be at home and engaged in online learning during school hours on Tuesday. On Monday no online learning will be available as teachers will be working on setting up online processes during this day. On line learning will start Tuesday. Wednesday will either see the return to normal schooling, or an extension of the lockdown. If the lockdown is extended, students will continue with online learning following their existing timetable structure. A copy of your student's timetable is available on ONE SCHOOL so that parents and carers can help students to plan their time around when their lessons are usually on each day. If the lockdown extends beyond Tuesday, there will be a mixture of:

- Independent flexible online learning for any subject
- Supported Online in 'real time' or 'live' lessons with the teacher of the subject.
- Individual Online learning as directed by the teacher

An example of what this could look like is below. At this stage we will just follow this timetable for Monday and Tuesday. If the lockdown is extended we can then simply follow this for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The model timetable below will help you to unpack this further.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1	Flexible online learning	Flexible online learning	Line 1	Line 3	Line 2
Lesson 2	Flexible online learning	Line 6	Line 4	Line 1	Line 6
Lesson 3	Flexible online learning	Line 2	Line 5	Line 5	Flexible online learning
Lesson 4	Flexible online learning	Line 3	Flexible online learning	Flexible online learning	Line 4

At this stage we are just following Monday and Tuesday. We are providing the whole week, just in case lockdown is extended and we have to move to scenario 2. If we return to normal schooling on Wednesday, students will simply go back to attending and following their usual timetable.

IF LOCKDOWN is extended, we are well prepared for Scenario 2.

Each house group teacher will take on the role of checking in with their house group students around their well-being and maintain a caring connection between students and school.

Our usual year level support teams will remain as key contacts if you have questions or need help or support:

Year 7 DP	Ms Tess Hennessey	thenn12@eq.edu.au	
Year 8 DP	Mr Dan Ball	dball50@eq.edu.au	
Year 9 DP	Mr Junn Kato	<u>ikato1@eq.edu.au</u>	
Year 10 DP	Mr Chris Shevelling	<u>cshev3@eq.edu.au</u>	
Year 11 DP	Mrs Allyson Seymour	aseym1@eq.edu.au	
Year 12DP	Mr Rob Watts	rwatt82@eq.edu.au	
Year 7 Coordinator	Patrick Mandall	pdman0@eq.edu.au	
Year 7 HOD	Linda Hooper	lhoop35@eq.edu.au	
Year 8 Coordinator	Rhana Ralph	rralp3@eq.edu.au	
Year 8 HOD	Sam Anderson	sande 376@eq.edu.au	
Year 9 Coordinator	Josh Woods	jwood680@eq.edu.au	
Year 9 HOD	Kassie Mayfield	kmayf12@eq.edu.au	
Year 10 Coordinator	Melfred Pretorius	mwpre0@eq.edu.au	
Year 10 HOD	Andrew Papas	appap0@eq.edu.au	
Year 11 Coordinator	Shanna Schulz	<u>shend117@eq.edu.au</u>	
Year 11 HOD	Phil Cochran	pcoch6@eq.edu.au	
Year 12 Coordinator	Jen Kelly	jkell403@eq.edu.au	
Year 12 HOD	Crystal Caton	ccato4@eq.edu.au	

Your student's house group teacher will also play a role in contacting your student via email and supporting them to get and stay connected to school.

Please be assured that the Department of Education is working closely with Queensland Health and Principals are currently receiving daily information regarding a coordinated approach across South-East Queensland state schools. I am committed to sharing information with our school community promptly as it comes to hand around this rapidly changing situation.

I will provide further communication via email as the situation changes. Please reassure your students that, together we will get through this.

I would like to sincerely thank our school community for again supporting a learning from home model and urge you to please stay <u>COVID safe</u>, and I wish you all well.

Kind regards

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