



Dear parents and care givers

I am writing to you during the school holidays to let you know about the arrangements for our school for Term 2 and what it will mean for you and your children.

These are unprecedented times and therefore, we will need to do some things differently in schools over the coming weeks, to maintain learning and to keep your children and our staff safe.

I understand this may be an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. That is why the State Government has given parents a choice about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. It is a personal decision influenced by each family's circumstances.

To assist with your decision making, please note the following:

- Monday 27 April is a public holiday;
- Tuesday 28 April will be a pupil free day. There will be no students at school as staff will be using this day for preparation;
- From Wednesday 29 April, school is open for all students whose parents/carers choose to send them;
- Students who attend school will be receiving face-to-face support from a teacher, using the lesson resources created on SEQTA and follow a normal timetable. This will be continually reviewed.
- For those children learning from home, this will be through our SEQTA online platform as presented in the Term 1 Newsletter.
- For those students who are learning from home, contact by school will be made regularly for each course, based on the number of periods per week;
- Year 11 and 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend school to continue their critical study program;
- Parents are asked to drop their child/children at the school gate, please do not enter the school grounds.

In order for us to better plan and prepare for Wednesday 29 April, I ask all families to please complete this short [survey](#) to advise whether your child/ren will attend school or work from home. The deadline to complete this survey will be Monday 27 April.

The State Government is providing \$43 million in additional funding to expand school cleaning, in line with the health advice. Cleaners will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps and hand rails, are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected.

Students attending on site next term will be encouraged to maintain 1.5m physical distancing when entering and exiting classrooms as well as during break times. Students who do not comply with these recommendations may receive punitive measures as with any other type of misbehaviour.

We will provide further information on how our school will manage this situation, ahead of school beginning on Wednesday 29 April.

These arrangements will be in place and reviewed ahead of Week 4 commencing 18 May. As always, State Government decisions will be based on the best health advice.

We want all families and children to feel supported and informed during this time. I thank you for your partnership as we navigate this together.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Lillywhite', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Peter Lillywhite  
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