



COVID-19 update – 26/3/2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today the Premier announced whilst all public schools will remain open until the end of term, families are strongly encouraged to keep their children at home if they have the capacity to do so.

Those families who need their children to attend school to enable them to maintain employment and those children in vulnerable families, such as children living with grandparents, are encouraged to attend school.

For those students attending tomorrow, you are still required to wear your uniform. I also request you bring a drink bottle to fill rather than drinking directly from the drink fountain.

At Duncraig SHS we will have the following arrangements in place:

- **Final day of formal classes will be Thursday 2 April, 2020.**
- The Planning Day scheduled for Thursday 2 April has now been moved to Friday 3 April.
- Monday 6 April to Thursday 9 April will be additional School Planning days as mandated by the State Government.

These arrangements will give our staff 5 full uninterrupted days to plan and prepare our new online curriculum delivery. Families who still require their child to attend school on these days so they can maintain their jobs, will be supervised, not taught.

I would like to encourage students to take this additional time to have a break and refresh from what has been a difficult and stressful few weeks. You will continue to have access to SEQTA throughout this break, as well as the Department's "[Learning at Home](#)" public website if you choose to continue with some study.

Term 2 – commencing Tuesday 28 April

- At this stage arrangements for Term 2 have not been finalised. The State Government is working on developing a longer term education model for Term 2 and beyond in response to COVID-19.

Please be assured that when I receive further information I will provide details to you as soon as I can.

My staff have been working tirelessly to provide an outstanding online platform and I am extremely confident that our students will get a rich and unique education experience unlike anything we have experienced. I want to make it very clear to parents that as a profession, our teachers have had to redefine their role and upskill themselves overnight for a delivery method no traditional school has ever had to do to this extent in history.

I hope you can all appreciate what a mammoth task this has been and will continue to be for the foreseeable future.

With this in mind, I ask that you focus on using the resources that have already been made available to you via SEQTA and allow our teachers some time to prepare for Term 2. We currently have many diligent students communicating with their teachers. It would be appreciated if they could be directed to SEQTA for content information and resources.

I am sure you still have many questions about assessments and in particular what this may mean for our Year 12 students. We will address all these concerns as soon as we get further direction from the Department and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Lillywhite', with a stylized flourish at the end.

PETER LILLYWHITE
Principal

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