



COVID-19 update – 2/4/2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I'm finding it hard to come up with the words to describe the rapid pace with which our lives have changed recently. The vast majority of families are now supervising their child's learning from home and have probably begun to develop some routines.

As a school, we are rapidly building our online capabilities in preparation for the beginning of Term 2. Many of our teachers have already begun to provide work on SEQTA as our base platform and have engaged in forums to interact with students.

By the end of Week 10, we will provide a comprehensive overview of our new school online learning environment. This will include guidelines for online learning and expectations of students. In essence, we are creating all new documentation to support a new school structure and a style of teaching and learning that has never been done. Our staff are working extremely hard to set up a platform that should enable every child to learn. I am extremely proud of what has been achieved so far in a very short period of time.

In my last correspondence, I encouraged students to take a break after today. That is still my advice and I have asked teachers to not deliver any lessons or start new work during this time. However, if you have outstanding assessments or revision to be completed, it is my expectation that this is still done.

I also want to reiterate that although the advice is to stay home and self-isolate, Duncraig SHS will remain open for those people who need their children to attend school, to enable them to maintain employment. If you require your child to attend for the remainder of term, they are to sign in at Student Services each morning and will be directed from there to the Pavilion where they will be assigned a relief teacher and a room for supervision. No work will be provided for your child. They must come prepared with food for the day as the canteen is now closed.

Attached to this email is also a letter from our School Psychologist outlining the support available for you during these uncertain and unusual times.

Yours sincerely

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

PETER LILLYWHITE
Principal