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Dear parents and caregivers

I am writing to provide you with updated information regarding COVID-19.

The health, safety and welfare of your children, our students, continues to be our priority.

Fortunately, we do not have any confirmed cases at our school and should this change I will update our school community as soon as possible. At this stage the 3 day lock down is due to cease at 4.00pm on Tuesday 3 August. The following arrangements are in place for Sunnybank State High School for Monday 2 August and Tuesday 3 August:

- Schools are considered essential services.
- Students of essential workers in the 11 affected LGAs can attend school on Monday 2 August and Tuesday 3 August. Essential workers are those who must currently continue to work and attend their workplace due to the provision of essential services. These students are to attend the library upon arrival at school at 8:45am.
- If any students of essential workers in attendance at school show any sign of illness while at school during this 2-day lockdown, parents/carers will be contacted immediately to make arrangements for the child to be sent home.
- Parents will not be allowed on site during the 2-day lockdown. Any communications with the school needs to be via the school's administration number 3323 8111 or provided school email addresses.
- Students of non-essential workers will have access to remote learning from Tuesday 3 August. Remote learning at Sunnybank State High School will consist of a mixture of on-line learning and hard copy learning materials. Further details will be communicated at you on Monday.
- Parents and students at home are able to access a wide range of resources via the departments Learning@home website, <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/learning-at-home>.
- There is now a requirement that, in the 11 affected local government areas, **all high school students are to wear masks while at school**. The provision of masks is the responsibility of the individual and is not the school's responsibility.
- As an added precaution all staff in all schools will wear masks.
- The Canteen will be closed for the 2-day lockdown so any students attending will need to bring food for this period of time.
- During this time all on-site sports and extracurricular activities will be postponed.

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I understand, however, there may be some concern over the latest health alerts and the potential impact on our school community. Please be assured that our school has been taking all appropriate precautions regarding health and hygiene and we will continue to take the advice of Queensland Health.

We are working closely with the public health authorities and our own Department of Education to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. If you have any concerns please contact the school on 3323 8111.

For assistance in languages other than English, please refer to the National Translating and Interpreting Service, and the Translated Australian COVID-19 information and resources.

We all have a role to play to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. If you or any members of your household develop symptoms or feel unwell, please isolate and get tested. Further information including interstate hotspots, contact tracing alerts, symptoms of COVID-19 and when to seek medical advice and prevention, can be found via Queensland Health.

I will continue to provide further updates via email, as well as posting on our Facebook page and school website. I thank all parents/carers for your support and cooperation during this temporary closure, and look forward to welcoming back our school community as soon as we are safely able to do so.

Yours sincerely



Leah Fountaine
Principal