



Many Ways to Excellence

Sunnybank

STATE HIGH SCHOOL

22 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware we will be **welcoming back all of our Year 7 to 10 students on Monday 25 May**. As a school we are all eager to see all our students back at school and participating in classroom learning again. We would also like to congratulate our students on their continued engagement with their studies whilst learning from home.

As we move toward next week, it is important that our community is clear in understanding the Queensland Government guidelines regarding the arrangement to transition our students back to school. It is acknowledged that some may choose for their child to remain at home and continue their learning in the home. However, if this is the case, it is the Parent/Caregiver who remains responsible for the learning of the child. Now that all students will be able to return to school, learning will no longer be supported by the Sunnybank online learning materials provided by the child's classroom teacher. There will be only one mode of delivery. The classroom teacher will **NO LONGER be responsible for providing an alternative home-based learning program for students** where parents elect to keep these students at home. The Government's learning@home website will remain available and continue to be updated throughout term 2 with new resources for Prep to Year 10 to support the learning of students who are unable to attend school. It is asked that parents/carers you decide to teach their children at home notify the school. This will be recorded on their attendance record

At Sunnybank SHS, we have high expectations regarding, learning, attendance, uniform and behaviour. Students will be reminded about our values, Respect, Responsibility and Readiness and how these pertain to our school rules and policies. Below is some of the important information to help your child to transition back to school.

Please note the following school routines and information for the **TRANSITION** back to school next week:

- Full and correct school uniform is required every day. Normal detention processes will be followed
- Students are expected to be on time. Unexplained late to school detention processes will be followed
- Students are to come to school ready to learn with their school diary and learning materials

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- The canteen will be open with tap & go payment preferred (cashless)
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle
- All assemblies, sport, excursions or group events remain banned as per Department of Education guidelines
- Uniform Shop will be open normal hours – Monday to Thursday – 8am to 11:30am
- Monday will run on Tuesday's bell times (due to no assembly)
- The school will continue to implement clear routines for all students, staff and visitors in relation to health and hygiene
- Any students who borrowed a laptop will be required to return the laptop on Monday to Mr Clarke, Block 2. If any of the returned laptops do not meet the standards in which it was loaned the school, as agreed, will invoice families for any repairs
- We ask that parents and carers minimise their physical contact on school grounds as much as possible
- Normal attendance procedures apply for any student who does not attend school. Parents will need to email the Attendance Officer at studentabsences@sunnybankshs.eq.edu.au to inform us of your child's absence. If we do not receive an email, and the student is not attending school, the Parent/Carer will receive a text message advising of the absence.

As a school, we have implemented a number of additional hygiene measures including:

- Hand sanitisers will be available in all classrooms and students will be provided a small individual bottle for their personal use.
- If students are unwell they are NOT to attend school. Parents of unwell students will be called immediately to pick up their child. Sick students will not be held in sick bay
- Students will be expected to practice physical distancing and refrain from physical contact
- Implementing social distancing requirements for staff including virtual staff meetings and relocation of some personal work spaces
- Additional cleaners working throughout the school day to regularly clean high traffic touch points

We are all eager to see our students' transition back into the school learning environment next week. As you already know, we all cannot do this alone. We thank you for your continued support throughout this challenging and ever-changing landscape. I acknowledge the difficulties that you have all encountered and appreciate the support that everyone has provided our school community.

Thank you for your flexibility and patience, as we continue to work together to keep our Sunnybank students, families and staff safe and well.

Kind regards
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