

2 August 2021

Dear Sunnybank Parents and Caregivers

As you may already be aware, the Queensland Government has decided that, in order to support the current COVID-19 situation the lockdown in the 11 LGAs has been extended until Sunday 8 August at 4pm. This means school students will engage once again in a **home-based learning model from tomorrow Tuesday 3 August until at least Friday 6 August 2021.**

On behalf of myself and all our staff, I would like to thank you, our wonderful Sunnybank parent community for your patience, support and understanding, as together, we again negotiate back to home-based learning for the coming week. We have travelled this road together before and I am confident that our school spirit of 'Many ways to excellence' will again persevere in ensuring each and every child finds success with their learning.

As communicated previously, only children of essential workers can attend school. Thank you in advance to all of our families for following our Departments guidelines to ensure that **ONLY** students that meet these guidelines are attending school for onsite supervision. All other students will be engaging in home-based learning.

I have outlined important information below to support our students with engaging in their learning through this lockdown period. Year 7 families will receive additional information in a separate email as this is the first time your child/ren have engaged in home-based learning as part of our Sunnybank SHS community.

Online learners

- Subject teachers will contact students via their student EQ email address
- Students will follow their normal timetable for online learning
- Teachers will communicate with student regarding any changes to assessment due dates and/or exam dates

Paper based learners

- The school has organised year level English and Mathematics work for the week for pick up tomorrow **Tuesday 3 August**. Pick up of learning materials will be done through a drive through system.
- The drive through will be operational between the hours of **8am – 10:30am and 1:30pm – 4pm.**
- The pickup drive through will be off Boorman Street at gate 3 (Manual Arts). Signage will be provided.
- We ask parents **NOT** to exit their vehicles. QLD app check in will be undertaken via your car and materials will be provided.
- At the pickup drive through please provide the student name and year level to receive the materials.

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Attendance Procedures.

Our school process is outlined below:

1. Students will receive an email from their roll class teacher via their EQ email address.
2. Every school day **at 9am**, all students (home-based learners or onsite supervision) must email their roll class teacher, copy in their parent or caregiver, to notify them of their learning location for the day.
 - a. 'Dear Ms X, I am learning from home today. Kind regards, Claire.
 - b. 'Dear Ms X, I am onsite at school today. Kind regards, Claire.
 - i. Onsite supervision students will be directed to send an email to their roll class teacher at the beginning of period 1 each day.
3. If a student is unwell or unable to attend their learning for any other reason on a school day, the parent or caregiver is asked to notify the school via text to 0416 905 308 or phone the absence line 3323 8160 by 9am each morning with the students name, year level and reason for absence before 9am on the day of the absence.
4. Home-based learning – Paper based learning students (students without any technology access – email access) - Parents are asked to contact the school via text to 0416 905 308 or phone 3323 8160 by 9am each morning with the students name, year level and either 'learning from home' or other absence reason.
5. If the roll class teacher does not hear from their students to say where they are learning from and a parent has not contacted the school via the above attendance/absence notification options, a text message will be sent home asking you to account for your child's absence. Until you make contact with the School, your child's attendance will be recorded as an 'Unexplained' absence.

While you can be reassured that the Department of Education and Department of Health are taking all necessary measures during this lockdown, it is important for me to assure you that the school will continue to act on the direct advice of the Health and Department of Education. We will communicate information to our school community, parents and caregivers via email and Facebook to ensure that we are all informed and prepared as a community.

I thank you for your support in managing this current situation. Stay safe, stay well and stay connected during this time.

Kind regards



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