



Many Ways to Excellence

Sunnybank

STATE HIGH SCHOOL

31/03/2020

Dear Sunnybank Students

We hope you are starting to enjoy your school holidays even though it may look a little different to other years. At the moment it is really important that you as individuals act responsibly and follow the rules around social distancing that our government has implemented. These rules of staying in your homes and only leaving for exercise or essential activities with a family member are imperative for us as a country to be able to return to normal routines in the (hopefully) not too distant future.

We all know that these times are confusing and have interrupted so much of your learning and postponed many opportunities that you were looking forward to - like the cross country event, our Harmony Week activities and of course finalising your academic achievements for Term one.

Thank you for understanding that our normal schooling had to change suddenly this week. Currently, your teachers and all the staff, are working hard at school to make sure we are ready to support you to learn from home in the event that we need to move to these arrangements in Term 2. Teachers will be developing or maintaining virtual classrooms through either OneNote Class Notebook or eLearn.eq.edu.au (Learning Place) as Online Learning Platforms. I trust that you will either become or will continue to get more comfortable with using these platforms. These platforms will be important to your learning in Term two whether you are in attendance at school or working from home.

For those of you unable to access the technology for online learning at home, we will also be ensuring that you have access to your learning. You will be provided with hard copy learning materials via post. As a school we are committed to making your ongoing learning accessible for all you all.

If we need to move to remote learning arrangements, you will need access to your **Student School email** _____@eq.edu.au as this will be the main method of communication between you and your teachers. The school email address is the only email account for you to use when communicating with your teachers. You can find information regarding your school email and online learning at the schools website in the *Quick Links* on the bottom of the home page. Further updates area also available in the *Support and Resources/Parent Resources* page.

The school holidays will end on Sunday 19 April. Learning will re-commence on Monday 20 April even though class and assessment may look a bit different. Be assured that we will continue to keep you updated around your learning.

I understand that these unforeseen circumstances may cause you to feel a variety of emotions. We will face these challenges together. We will walk you through every part of the way and you will always have the support that you need. All of us at Sunnybank SHS are still here ready, willing and able to be here for you. Stay connected with our Facebook page and to the school website as key pieces of information will be progressively updated to help you navigate this every changing landscape.

Please note that all your teachers, Head of Departments, Deputy Principals, Guidance Officers and my email addresses can be located on the school's website www.sunnybankshs.eq.edu.au for when you require them. Staff will be on leave from Friday 3 April and return Monday 20 April. If you are not sure of who to contact, please do not hesitate to email me, Ms Fountaine, Principal, lfoun2@eq.edu.au.

And finally, everyone at your school thanks you for continuing to be the amazing students that you are. Your positive attitudes have always made you a pleasure to teach and work with. Sunnybank SHS is a wonderful community where everyone has a place to belong. Remember in the coming weeks and next term that our school motto of 'Many ways to Excellence' is even more important and true as we know you can be successful no matter the way in which we have to do it together. You have all got this!

Stay safe and positive

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