



Norris Road State School

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Dear Parents and caregivers,

I am writing to provide you with updated information regarding school operations and learning arrangements during our current lockdown.

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 lock down is due to cease at 4.00pm on Sunday 8 August. The following arrangements are in place for Norris Road State School for this week- Monday 2 August until Friday 6 August 2021:

- Schools are considered essential services.
- Students of essential workers in the 11 affected LGAs can attend school this week (2/8 – 6/8 2021).
- As an added precaution all staff in all schools will wear masks.
- Students of non-essential workers will have access to remote learning from Tuesday 3 August. Remote learning at Norris Road State School will consist of the following:
 - Parents will be able to access learning grids from our [website](#) from Tuesday 3 August 2021, which provides a daily overview of activities;
 - Learning grids present a variety of learning opportunities, revising and reinforcing content from the previous 3 weeks of this term. There will be no new content that parents will need to “teach” during this time;
 - Parents should be mindful that the learning grids do not represent 5 hours of learning (as would be in a regular school environment). Parent should use the following timelines as a guide for how long their child should be focussed on learning:
 - Prep – 45min
 - Year 1 and Year 2 – up to 1 hr
 - Year 3 and Year 4 – up to 90 mins
 - Year 5 and Year 6 – up to 2 hrs
 - The grids will also have links to online videos and activities to support or extend student and parent understanding. If your child is accessing online content on computers and devices, parents need to ensure that parental controls are engaged and that they are actively supervising their child while viewing online content.
 - Should the lockdown extend beyond Sunday 8 August 2021, we will continue with Learning Grids and move towards an online alternative. Our focus at this time is to reduce the load for families who may be juggling several children, work and responsibilities during this stressful and uncertain period.
 - If you require any clarification of your child’s learning grid, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher via email.
 - Your child’s teacher will make contact with you by the end of the week to provide a “check-in” regarding your child’s learning at home, and provide support where necessary.
 - Please ensure you keep your child’s teacher updated regarding any changes to your child’s attendance.
 - Children of essential workers will engage in learning from the grids while at school - there will be no additional or extra instruction outside of what has been allocated for remote learning.
- Please be aware that the following have been cancelled for this week:
 - All meetings and Prep interviews
 - Tuckshop operations
 - Face to face Instrumental Music lessons
 - Regular classroom teaching



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I understand, 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 3261 0700.

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Melissa Burke
Principal