

# Principal's Update

## Wilsonton State High School

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Dear Wilsonton State High School Community,

Further to my update yesterday in the Learning @ Wilsonton State High School newsletter, the Premier has announced that from **Monday 11 May, 2020**, students in **Year 11 and Year 12 will be able to return to school.**

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children will continue to be able to attend school for supervision.

For students in Years 7 – 10, the current home-based learning arrangements will remain in place. If low COVID-19 transmission rates continue, **students in Years 7 – 10** will be able to return to school from **Monday 25 May, 2020**. *Confirmation of this step will be made by 15 May 2020.*

The expectation will be that where safe to do so, all students in Year 11 and 12 will resume their learning at school from Monday. However, it is recognised that some Parents may choose to keep your child at home due to concerns about COVID-19 and this is respected. If Parents choose to do this, I ask that you make contact with Mr Nugent to discuss your child's educational plan for this time.

Our school will continue with the increased cleaning schedule that has been in place since last term. All students will be expected to wash their hands at the beginning of each and every lesson where facilities exist and where they do not exist, students will be provided with hand sanitiser for this purpose. [Frequently asked questions](#) are available to assist you to understand how schools will be implementing the transition back to school-based learning. This includes hygiene practices such as effective hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, restricting visitors to the school and reminding you to notify our school if your child will not attend.

I ask Parents and Carers to pay particular attention to the requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5m at all times if you need to be on school grounds. Our office continues to limit the number of people that are able to enter at any one time in order to maintain a safe environment for everyone. Parents and Carers should not gather in areas around the school such as carparks and at the school gate etc.

It is essential that you keep your child home from school if they are unwell. In accordance with [Queensland Health Directions](#), Parents or Carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the school. *Chief Health Officer's letter to Parents and Carers regarding returning to school is also attached.*

If your child is in Years 7 – 10, their teacher will continue to deliver prepared lessons and materials via our blended learning style either via virtual learning or print materials, as they have over the last two weeks. Our teaching staff will continue to be available online as per their student timetable that is communicated daily in their attendance email.

The decision to return Year 11 and Year 12 back to school is an important next step towards returning to our regular school routines and I will continue to update you as soon as any new information becomes available.

*Some information that will be important for students in Year 11 and 12 returning is included below:*

- All Year 11 and 12 students will need to attend their first scheduled class as per their timetable on Monday. Mr Power this week will send all Year 11 and 12 students a copy of their timetable with any updated rooming changes required due to our current arrangements
- Personal water bottles are recommended to be brought to school
- School assembly and all excursions etc. will not occur until further notice
- Normal uniform requirements apply
- Scheduled assessment will occur as per your assessment schedules with the exception of Year 11 English, Legal Studies, Ancient History and Social Community Studies which will now occur during week six. I recommend you talk to your teacher to discuss this as early as possible.

Our staff have greatly appreciated all the positive feedback provided to them over the last few weeks. I will continue to communicate with you every week through the Learning @ Wilsonton State High School newsletters being sent to your registered email accounts. My continued thanks goes to all Parents and Carers for your support and understanding during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,



Marcus Jones  
Principal