



2 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that this letter finds you and your families well and taking care of each other. Now at the completion of Term 1, we are aware that you have many questions regarding the commencement of Term 2.

Over the last three weeks, all staff at Miles State High School have been planning our response to an ever changing and developing situation, to ensure supporting the continuity of learning and the wellbeing of our students remains our core priority. What we do know with regards to continuity of learning and schooling in Term 2, there are 2 scenarios;

Scenario 1. Schooling will recommence as scheduled and children will return to school on 20 April 2020.

Scenario 2. Schooling will recommence, *however*, children will learn from home. In this event, Miles State High School staff are committed to ensuring and supporting our students with the continuity of quality learning.

In the event of Scenario 2, Miles State High School will make immediate contact via email or phone with all families to communicate the details of how our students will access and commence Term 2 learning, by connecting students to their teachers and subjects.

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

We are aware you will have a number of questions regarding how this may occur, therefore, outlined below is a response to frequently asked questions as to how Miles State High School will support learning and continue to provide a safe, supportive environment for our students.

*\*Please note that as the Queensland Government and Education Queensland release new information, Miles State High School responds and plans accordingly whilst keeping our families informed.*

#### **How will learning be delivered?**

- Miles State High School is committed to ensuring our students continue to experience academic opportunities and success. We have prepared our school to connect and deliver learning in a variety of ways (online – Class OneNote & Education Perfect, hard copy, email, phone calls, etc.).
- Over the last 2 weeks, we have identified the most reliable form of education delivery for our students to ensure there is equity for all families.
- A designated MSHS Student Portal – providing centralised information and guidance. This portal will go 'live' whether school resumes as planned or home learning occurs.
- Scheduled contact time with curriculum teachers (either online chat, phone, email, etc.) to support engagement.

#### **Who will be attending school?**

- Before school commences in Term 2, Education Queensland will make clear announcements to schools and their communities regarding the recommencement of school. This will inform us all whether children will be undertaking learning at school or at home. Education Queensland will also inform schools of further provisions of attendance for children (e.g. essential workers, vulnerable children – as outlined by the department, etc.).



### How will wellbeing and learning engagement be supported?

- Daily virtual Care Class (online, phone) to monitor student engagement and wellbeing.
- Regular scheduled contact time with teachers and support staff (Engagement, Learning, Wellbeing, Youth Support Coordinator, Career Pathways Coordinator, Guidance Officer, Chaplain, IT – Passwords and software, etc.)
- The Wellbeing Team will continue to work with our students and families as required.
- Students and families provided with daily physical activity options.
- Ongoing advice to parents and students to organise and prepare for effective home learning.

We appreciate there are many more uncertain days ahead while we all deal with the uncharted impacts that COVID-19 is having on our communities, however, please be certain that all staff at Miles State High School will continue to work together to create strong foundations for continued learning. Miles State High school is supported by hundreds of people across the department and across Queensland working in the background to support you, your families and school staff. For up-to-date information on education and health, please continue to access the links below.

<https://qed.qld.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/novel-coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions-for-parents>

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/>

Your continued support as *Partners in Learning* for your child / children (our students) is valued every day. Please do not hesitate to contact the school on 4628 5111 or [admin@mileschs.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@mileschs.eq.edu.au) if you have any queries or concerns regarding the information provided.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Moffatt".

Josette Moffatt  
Principal  
Miles State High School