



August 1<sup>st</sup> 2021

Dear parents and caregivers

I am writing to provide you with updated information regarding COVID-19.

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 3 day lock down is due to cease at 4.00pm on Tuesday 3 August. The following arrangements are in place for New Farm State School for Monday 2 August and Tuesday 3 August:

- *Schools are considered essential services.*
- ***Only the students of essential workers in the 11 affected LGAs can attend school on Monday 2 August and Tuesday 3 August.***
- *Students of non-essential workers will have access to remote learning from Monday 2 August. Remote learning at New Farm State School will consist of a Learning from Home Framework. The Framework will be sent to all families on Monday morning at 9am.*
- *If the lockdown continues beyond Tuesday, we will commence remote learning via Microsoft Teams and Seesaw. More information will be provided about these programs in the coming days.*
- *As an added precaution all staff in all schools will wear masks.*

**In order to assist us with our forward planning for supervision requirements on Monday and Tuesday of this week, if you plan for your child/ren to be in attendance, as you are an essential worker or they are considered vulnerable, please click [here](#).**

I understand, however, 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 **(07) 3358 7333**.



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,

Dr Carmel McGrath  
**Principal**