



August 3rd 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your patience as we have begun preparations for online learning during the current lockdown.

Due to the extension of the lockdown until 4pm Sunday 8 August 2021, the following arrangements will remain in place:

- Students of essential workers or vulnerable students can continue to attend school for supervised learning.
- Students of non-essential workers will continue to have access to remote learning.

This is an unfortunate but necessary precaution to minimise community transmission of COVID-19. I therefore ask once again that, as a school community, we work together to support each other.

Your child's teacher will continue to be your main point of contact during this time. However, if you have any specific concerns regarding curriculum, please contact Head of Department (Curriculum) Melinda Norman mnorm36@eq.edu.au to discuss this further. If you have specific concerns regarding technology please contact Nick Fenton nfent10@eq.edu.au. If you have any specific concerns regarding support for disabilities or extension please contact Judy Loudon jloud6@eq.edu.au.

In addition to materials provided by your child's teacher, students are also able to access a range of educational resources on the department's [learning@home website](#). Any students of essential workers or vulnerable students will be accessing the same curriculum content as those learning from home.

All sports and extracurricular activities will be cancelled or postponed. Our onsite Outside Schools Hours Care 'Jabiru' will remain closed except for children of essential workers and vulnerable children. Please contact Jabiru directly www.jabiru.org.au/kids or 32690044.

It is important that we all continue to follow [COVID-safe practices](#) including physical distancing and **wearing face masks** throughout this period. We request parents do not to enter the school grounds during this time unless absolutely necessary. If you need to contact with staff please use either via telephone 33587333, email admin@newfarmss.eq.edu.au or virtual meetings.

I encourage you to continue to refer to the information on the [Queensland Health](#) website.



If you, or a member of your family, is feeling unwell or displaying known symptoms of COVID-19 please get tested, stay home and isolate until you get the results and your symptoms resolve.

I will continue to provide updates as they become available via Class Dojo and Schoolzine. I once again thank all parents and carers for your support during this lockdown and we look forward to bringing our whole school community back together again as soon as we are able to safely do so.

Yours sincerely

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