



TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Return to class at the North Ward Campus (Year 7-10)

20 May 2020

Dear Parents,

The Premier announced a few weeks ago that students in Years 2-10 will be able to return to school from **Monday, 25 May 2020**. This has been confirmed by the Premier in the past week. As a result, lessons for all Year 7-10 students will resume on campus from next Monday.

The Queensland Government has imposed changes to the daily operations of schools. Frequently asked questions regarding schools has been published via the following link [‘Click here’](#)

From next Monday, buses to and from the campus will operate as per normal.

The School canteen/tuckshop will continue to operate. To assist with hygiene and as a result of student feedback, an EFTPOS machine has been installed in the tuckshop allowing contactless payment.

The School has increased its focus on hygiene since opening for students at the start of the term. Increased cleaning and sanitation of shared spaces continues to occur. Students are reminded to practice good handwashing and coughing techniques. Students are not to attend school if they are unwell. To alleviate any potential cross infections, students who present at school with flu like symptoms, consistent coughing and excessive sneezing will be asked to return to their residence or the Health Centre.

Whilst the School will manage the safe social distancing of staff and students on campus, we do ask at this time that parents also act in a manner which does not raise concern. We ask that families adhere to spacing in the front office and outside the School gates. Unless required for a meeting, families should pick their child up outside the School gates, whilst remaining in their car. The School aims to limit unnecessary visitors and families onto the campus.

With the focus on resuming face to face lessons on campus, the capacity for teachers to respond to students learning online is reduced. For those students not able to physically attend school, ongoing work will be set and communication with teachers via email and Teams will still be possible, at agreed times.

Our boarding community is being managed separately by the Head of Boarding, Mr Jaye Beutel. He is co-ordinating the safe return and ongoing support of our boarding community. Please address any boarding related questions to Mr Beutel.

Our co-curricular offerings will take some time to resume, as we await sporting groups and organisations to endorse a resumption of play and activities. The Roadmap to easing Queensland's restrictions as published by the Queensland Government, does allow the following activities to resume from next Monday, 25 May.

- Club Netball training (outdoor) for all TGS teams to re-commence (maximum groups of 10). Further details will follow from the Director of Netball, Mrs Prue Watson.
- Club Rowing training (land based / outdoor) for all TGS students to re-commence (maximum groups of 10). Further details will follow from the Director of Rowing, Mr Corby Green.

All other sports at this time will not resume until further notified. It is anticipated that most will not start till Term 3. Further sports related information will be communicated by the Director of Sport & PE, Mr Peter Christie, in due course.

The Director of Music, Mr Samuel Blanch, has resumed senior ensembles whilst Year 11 and 12 have been on campus. From Monday, 25 May, the following will occur:

- Recommence all ensembles with appropriate social distancing.
- Instrumental ensembles should spread out as much as the space allows.
- Large choirs (over 30 members) will meet in the following manner:
 - Mezzo Choir (MS): Week A: Years 7 & 8, Week B: Year 9.
 - Grammar Singers (SS): Sectional rehearsals using two rooms.

Hair and Uniform:

Could I please ask that parents ensure that their children return to school with the correct hair colour, length and style of cut. I am aware that during the period of online learning this has not been a focus for the school and for many students they have hair which will attract attention upon return. I reinforce that it is an expectation of the School that as of Monday your child will return to campus with correct attire and grooming. Staff will contact parents should there be a compliance issue noticed.

Finally, I again thank all parents and carers for your support and understanding during these challenging times. As a community I am very proud of the manner in which we have all coped and the support offered to one another.

Yours sincerely,



Connor Barrett

Acting Deputy Principal & Head of School (North Ward)