



1 August 2021

## **COVID-19 Update #1 – Term 3 (2021) – From the Principal for Parents and Caregivers**

Dear Parents & Caregivers

I am writing to further update you on the changing situation in response to coronavirus - COVID-19. The Queensland Government and Queensland Health have announced that the Greater Brisbane area, including Redlands, will lock down as at 4.00pm Saturday, 31 July 2021 for 3 days. Please be advised that Victoria Point State High School has had zero reported cases to date.

The announcement advises schools will remain open for children of essential workers and vulnerable children. Essential workers are those that must currently continue to attend their workplace during this difficult time. In line with this direction, all students who are absent from school must provide an email or SMS from their parent or caregiver stating: "STUDENT NAME will be absent for as a result of QLD lockdown" to, [student.absence@vpshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:student.absence@vpshs.eq.edu.au) or 0427 075 986. This will allow us to establish which children of essential workers and vulnerable children are attending. Student absence at Victoria Point State High School will be recognised as 'Other' without penalisation. If you choose to keep your child at home, you must be responsible for them. You must ensure they stay at home.

The school canteen will remain open for Break 1.

### **Face Masks**

There is now a requirement that, in the 11 affected local government areas, all high school students and all staff in all schools (i.e. special, primary and secondary) are to wear masks while at school. This includes travelling to and from school and moving between classes, whilst in the classroom and at breaks. Students unable to wear a mask due to a medical condition (or disability) are asked to carry a note on their person from a Parent/Caregiver. A Parent/Caregiver will be contacted for any student refusing to follow the Queensland Health directive.

### **Teaching and Learning**

As the current situation evolves, our school continues to prepare for continuity of learning and teaching. From Tuesday, 3 August 2021, children learning at home will access lessons using Daymap. The school will provide Unit Overviews, Assessment Task/s and Course Materials including activities and supporting resources. Daymap can be accessed using the following link below or via the school's website – [www.vpshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.vpshs.eq.edu.au)

Daymap Link: <https://vpshs.eq.daymap.net>

Please find attached a Student Portal Guide for assistance or email IT support at Victoria Point State High School: [helpdesk@vpshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:helpdesk@vpshs.eq.edu.au)

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children learning on-site will not attend scheduled timetabled classes for the period of lock-down. Students learning on-site will engage in supervised classes. From Tuesday, 3 August 2021, students learning on-site will engage in the same on-line lessons as those students learning at home. Students attending school will utilise school facilities to access online lessons.

Please be assured, all teaching and learning contributes to your child's educational outcomes and students will not be disadvantaged through the current circumstances.

### **Vikings Sport and Extra-Curricular Activities**

Schools have been advised that extra-curricular activities must be postponed. This includes, inter-school sport and representative sport, school-based incursions and excursions.

### **School-Based Traineeships, School-Based Apprenticeships and TAFE**

Students currently undertaking a school-based traineeship, apprenticeship or school-based TAFE course should follow the advice of employers and or Queensland TAFE.

### **Maintaining Your Child's Health and Wellbeing**

Keep up to date with our school Facebook page, for the Words of Wellbeing. If you are concerned about the overall wellbeing for your child you can either email [wellbeing@vpshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:wellbeing@vpshs.eq.edu.au) or contact the school on 3820 5838 to request a telephone appointment. For students attending school, the Student Support Services HUB will be open before school, first and second break, after school and by appointment.

I will continue to provide communication as Queensland's response evolves. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your support during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

Scot Steinhardt  
Principal