



16 April 2020

### **COVID-19 Update #8 – Term 2: 20 April – 22 May 2020 from the Principal for Parents and Caregivers**

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2, 2020 albeit a little different. As your Principal, I would like to ensure our school community that Victoria Point State High School will be working hard to maintain continuity of teaching and learning for all students during these unprecedented times. Please be advised that Victoria Point State High School has had zero reported cases to date. The Queensland Government has decided that, in order to reinforce social distancing across the community and slow the spread of COVID-19, state school students will move to a home-based learning model from 20 April 2020 until at least 22 May 2020. During this period, all students who are able to be supervised and learn from home are to stay home, except for vulnerable students, children of essential workers and students in designated Indigenous communities.

#### **Home-based Learning**

Whilst learning at home, the parent/caregiver is responsible for student's safety and wellbeing at home or elsewhere.

Victoria Point State High School's Online Learning Platform is Moodle. This platform will allow for Teachers to track student attendance and engagement with online learning, monitor student progress and communicate through interactive features. Term 2 online courses will be live from Monday 20 April 2020 and progressively updated.

Moodle Direct Link: <https://vpshs.moodlesite.pukunui.net/>  
 Moodle Information and Troubleshooting: <https://vpshs.eq.edu.au/facilities/computers-and-technology/elearn-v-p-s-h-s>  
 Passwords and Student Emails: <https://vpshs.eq.edu.au/facilities/computers-and-technology/bring-your-own-device>  
 ICT Support: [helpdesk@vpshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:helpdesk@vpshs.eq.edu.au)  
 Website: <https://vpshs.eq.edu.au> located under Facilities/Computers and technology/eLearn @ VPSHS

For students experiencing individual and extreme cases of hardship, or to request support for online learning please contact:  
 Telephone (07) 3820 5888  
 Email [admin@vpshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@vpshs.eq.edu.au)

The Department of Education, suggests the following daily durations for Home-based Learning.

- English 60-70 minutes
- Mathematics 45-60 minutes
- Science 30 minutes
- Health & Physical Education 30 minutes
- Other 40 minutes

To assist Parents/Caregivers to meet the daily minimum guidelines, a recommended but not mandated timetable has been published below. Please note that suggested times correspond closely with school bell times providing continuity with a known learning structure in preparation for the return to school. The school also recognises the need for Home-based Learning to align with times best suited to Parent/Caregiver supervision and the individual needs of students particularly in their Senior Phase of Learning – Year 11 and 12 and therefore should be adjusted accordingly.

PERIOD	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Between 09.00am - 10.00am	Student Wellbeing Student Space - Moodle	Student Timetabled Class – Period 1	Student Timetabled Class – Period 1	Student Timetabled Class – Period 1	Student Timetabled Class – Period 1
Between 10.15am - 11.15am	Student Timetabled Class – Period 2	Student Timetabled Class – Period 2	Student Timetabled Class – Period 2	Student Timetabled Class – Period 2	Student Timetabled Class – Period 2
<b>BREAK 1</b>					
Between 11.45am – 01.00pm	Student Timetabled Class – Period 3	Student Timetabled Class – Period 3	Student Timetabled Class – Period 3	Student Timetabled Class – Period 3	Student Timetabled Class – Period 3
<b>BREAK 2</b>					
Between 01.35pm – 02.45pm	Student Timetabled Class – Period 4	Physical Activity Student Space - Moodle	Physical Activity Student Space - Moodle	Student Timetabled Class – Period 4	Student Timetabled Class – Period 4

## Student Attendance

Victoria Point State High School will continue to record and advise Parents/Caregivers of student daily attendance. It is the responsibility of the Parent/Caregiver to notify the school of a student's learning intentions and/or absence by providing the following notification via telephone - School Attendance Line - 3820 5878 or email - [student.absence@vps.shs.eq.edu.au](mailto:student.absence@vps.shs.eq.edu.au):

1. Student First and Last Name
2. Student Year Level
3. Length of Absence
4. Reason e.g.
  - a. In Attendance – Learning at Home,
  - b. Absent – Illness or Medical Appointment,
  - c. Absent – Family Reasons.

Parents/Caregivers of students who are not present at school and who have not contacted the school will receive a text message as per the school's Attendance Policy process.

Students engaged in School-Based Apprenticeships, Traineeships or TAFE are required to follow the communication of the Registered Training Organisation and/or Vocational Education Institution. Whereby a student's timetable reflects a School-Based Apprenticeship, School-Based Traineeship or TAFE, a student's attendance record will be aligned.

## On-site Supervision

Victoria Point State High School will provide on-site supervision, with access to the school's home-based learning materials for vulnerable students, children of essential workers and students in designated Indigenous communities. Students who attend school during this period will receive support to participate in the same learning program (as above) that is being delivered by classroom teachers to students who are learning at home.

The school will continue to implement on-site health and safety measures which include but are not limited to:

- prioritisation of high touch point surface cleaning
- access to soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs for regular hand cleaning
- promoting air flow to classrooms through open windows and doorways where possible
- ensuring student numbers are limited in accordance with the size of the learning space to respect social distancing protocols
- directing students to maintain a distance of 1.5m from each other during timetabled breaks
- notifying parents/caregivers when a student is unwell. Parents/Caregivers will be advised to collect unwell students
- registering all visitors to the school (including parents/caregivers). All visitors to the school must report to the School Administration. Visitors will be reminded of social distancing protocols

## School Transport

Transport arrangements will continue to operate for students attending on-site. Social distancing guidelines will be followed on school buses, bus interchange locations and at other shared transport services. Transport operators will ensure that buses and surface touch points are cleaned in accordance to COVID-19 cleaning and disinfection.

## School Canteen

The school's canteen will be open daily before school and during breaks. A limited menu will be available for purchase. Card is the preferred payment method. Social distancing protocols and identified line markings will be enforced by staff on duty.

## Uniform Shop

The school's Uniform Shop will continue to trade during advertised hours of operation:  
8.00am to 11.00am, Monday to Thursday.

Please telephone (07) 3820 5854 for enquiries or visit the school's website for a Uniform Price List:  
<https://vps.shs.eq.edu.au/facilities/uniform-shop>.

## General Information

On-going updates will be emailed as information by the Department of Education is provided. This will include:

- Student Progress Discussions – via telephone and/or email;
- Assessment and Reporting for Term 2, 2020;
- Further advice from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) regarding the Senior Education Program. Frequently Asked Questions Link: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/coronavirus-updates/parent-and-student-faqs>

If you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours sincerely



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