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COVID-19 Update #10 – Return to On-Site Learning 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. Please be advised that Victoria Point State High School has had zero reported cases to date.

Following updated advice from health authorities and as announced by the Queensland Government, students in Years 11 and 12 will return to on-site learning from Monday 11 May 2020. They will join children of essential workers and vulnerable children. All other students in Years 7 to 10 will continue with learning at home arrangements at this time. Where a student is learning at home, the parent or carer is responsible for the student's safety at home or elsewhere. If low transmission rates continue, students in Years 7–10 will return to school from Monday 25 May 2020. Confirmation of this further step will be made by Friday 15 May 2020.

It is recognised that some parents or carers may choose to keep a student in Year 11 or 12 at home. It is the responsibility of the Parent/Caregiver to notify the school of a student's learning intentions and/or absence:

Telephone: 3820 5878

SMS: 0400161 690

Email: student.absence@vpshs.eq.edu.au.

The classroom teacher is not responsible for providing an alternative home-based learning program for students in Years 11 and 12 where a parent/carer elects to keep children at home. 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.

On-Site Learning Years 11 and 12

Students in Years 11 and 12 will resume timetabled classes from Monday 11 May 2020. Students are expected to be on time, bring the required equipment (including their digital device if available), be in full school uniform and engage in learning in a respectful manner.

Victoria Point State High School will ensure access to Tutorials and the school's Homework Centre is available from this date.

The QCAA will continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 on senior schooling and provide schools with further advice. Frequently Asked Questions Link: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/coronavirus-updates/parent-and-student-faqs>

On-Site Learning Years 7 to 10

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children attending on-site will maintain continuity of learning and teaching through Victoria Point State High School's Online Learning Platform – Moodle under supervision. Additional resources are also available at [The Learning Place](#) and [learning@home](#) website, which includes details about [Learning@Home TV](#) programs.

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

On-Site Health and Safety Measures

Victoria Point State High School will continue to ensure all appropriate precautions regarding health and hygiene as advised by Queensland Health. This includes:

- Increased cleaning services and maintenance of student facilities
- School signage acknowledging good hygiene practices and social distancing
- Adjustments to classroom organisation to allow for individual student desk placements within the available space
- 2m chevrons for students to abide by when purchasing food from the canteen and access to hand sanitiser prior to purchase.

Maintaining Your Child's Health and Wellbeing

If your child is struggling with high levels of stress, poor learning engagement and/or experiencing emotional challenges seek help through:

- wellbeing support recourses, accessible online using our Learning Platform Moodle:
<https://vps.shs.moodlesite.pukunui.net/>
- keep up to date with our school Facebook page, for the Words of Wellbeing
- make contact with the Wellbeing Team, either email wellbeing@vps.shs.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.

The decision to return Year 11 and 12 back to school is an important next step towards returning to our regular school routines. Further updates will be advised as soon as new information becomes available. If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours sincerely



Scot Steinhardt
Principal

Attached

Chief Health Officer Advice for Parents and Carers on Returning to School