



29 March 2021

COVID-19 Update #1 (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 this morning, that the Greater Brisbane area, including Redlands, will lock down as at 5.00pm today, 29 March 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 only until Thursday 1 April 2021, whereby school breaks for Easter vacation. 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 3 days as a result of QLD lockdown" to, student.absence@vpshs.eq.edu.au or 0427 075 986. 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 be open Tuesday 30 March 2021 for Break 1.

Teaching and Learning

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children will not attend scheduled timetabled classes for the remaining 3 days of Term1, 2021. Students attending school will engage in supervised classes.

Victoria Point State High School would like to advise that all Term 1, 2021 assessment for students has concluded. Students will not be required to complete or submit outstanding assessment. Students will begin new learning upon return to classrooms or as advised by the Department of Education. Please be assured, all teaching and learning contributes to your child's educational outcomes and students will not be disadvantaged through the current circumstances.

Reporting

Victoria Point State High School will publish Term 1, 2021 Interim Student Reports via email on 1 April 2021.

Vikings Sport

The VPSHS Cross Country, Inter-school Sport, Bayside District and Metropolitan East Sport along with AFL Queensland games have been postponed as a further step to implement the advice of Queensland Health.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Schools have been advised that extra-curricular activities must be postponed. This includes, school based incursions and excursions. Students completing an external course on-site will be required to attend to complete assessment modules.

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. These are activities, links, wellbeing resources that all students and families can engage in, to help maintain positive health and wellbeing. If you are concerned about the overall wellbeing for your child you can either email 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.

Ongoing Planning

I will continue to provide communication as Queensland's response to COVID-19 evolves. Thank you for your vigilance in helping us manage this public health issue. Victoria Point State High School continues to implement Queensland Health hygiene expectations and ensure all necessary actions to support your child's health by acting in a protective and preventative manner to help limit the spread of coronavirus.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your support during these difficult and uncertain times. I wish you and your loved ones a restful and safe break.

Yours sincerely

Scot Steinhardt
Principal