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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who abided by the current restrictions in place in the 11 LGA's. The following list below outlines the restrictions taken directly off the Departments website that we currently have in place for the next two weeks. They are in *Italics*: <https://qed.qld.gov.au/covid19/latest-news>

#### Parents on school sites

*Are parents, carers or visitors allowed on school sites? For schools in the 11 LGAs that came out of lockdown on 8 August, **current restrictions mean that parents, carers and visitors are not allowed on school sites**. Schools will communicate their local arrangements with parents. These restrictions are necessary so our students can return to their classrooms in the safest way possible.*

**TSS Note:** I have placed staff on all entry gates to support the students entering the school. Please be respectful to my staff as they support our students and will support you the best they can.

*My child will be anxious if I can't walk with them into their school - Schools will have local arrangements in place to manage pick up and drop off times and will communicate these with you. Please contact your school if you require any further information. Please also review the information regarding supporting your child during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

**TSS Note:** As mentioned, I have staff on the gates to support children entering the school grounds. If your child is still anxious you may contact the wonderful Mechelle Macaulay our Student Services Leader who will assist. [mmaca4@eq.edu.au](mailto:mmaca4@eq.edu.au)

#### *How will pick up and drop off times work?*

*Schools will have local arrangements in place to manage pick up and drop off times and will communicate these with their school community. Please contact your school if you require any further information. We encourage parents and carers to be patient and considerate of others during these times.*

**TSS Note:** Parents please wait socially distanced at your relevant pick up gate, just inside or outside the fence line. Please ensure children do not stay and play on the play equipment. The play equipment will again be getting cleaned with the approved disinfectant cleaner that our cleaners use on the children's desks.

## Masks at school

### Who needs to wear a face mask while at school?

For schools in the 11 LGAs that came out of lockdown on 8 August, all students over 12 years of age, **staff and visitors, including parents, carers, family members**, volunteers and contractors, **are required to wear a face mask when on school premises** or when travelling on dedicated school transport.

- All staff must wear a face mask at all times while at school, including when teaching.
- Students over 12 years of age must wear a face mask while at school.

**TSS Note:** If you need to come on to the school grounds please wear a mask. If you cannot wear a mask you can contact me by phone or email – ph. 53358888 or [The.principal@tewantinss.eq.edu.au](mailto:The.principal@tewantinss.eq.edu.au) . **Tewantin State School students are NOT required to wear a mask.**

### Other Changes

- There will be NO assemblies until further notice.
- No volunteers onsite until further notice – We will miss you but hopefully see you back in two weeks 😊. If you are a regular volunteer at our school you can be included in the Vaccinations for school staff roll out. Contact the school and we will provide you the information.
- Breakfast Club will not operate for the next two weeks as it is manned by volunteers.
- No extra Curricula Clubs for two weeks – This includes Dance Fever, skateboarding, lunch swimming squad, interschool sport, excursions and external providers.

**Lastly**, my expectation is for **everyone to be kind** to one another – **Safe, Respectful, Learners**. My staff are doing their job as directed by their employer. They will support your child/ren to the best of their ability. While I understand that some community members hold a difference of opinion to the current restrictions, it does not give anyone an excuse or reason to be rude to my staff and/or not follow the restrictions on the school site.

Thank you for your understanding and support everyone,



Rob

Rob Jennings  
Principal