

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update #20 – 31 July 2020

We didn't think we'd be sending you regular Coronavirus Updates so soon, yet here we are again. These past few days may be stirring up some familiar, yet unwanted, feelings as we all wait and see what unfolds.

We would like to thank you all for being so understanding by keeping us informed of travel, illness and COVID-19 testing. Providing this information goes a long way in helping to keep our community safe.

We would also like to update you in regard to events, camps, excursions and other goings on at Hillbrook that may be impacted by this current outbreak.

Visitors to the School

From today we will be limiting the number of people outside our immediate community, staff, students and parents, coming into the School. Any external presenters/helpers have been postponed and, where possible, presentations to students can still go ahead via Zoom. Please note if you are a Tuckshop or Uniform Shop volunteer, and a parent of a student, you are still permitted to attend. You will need to enter via Reception to sign in and have your temperature taken.

All visitors must sign in at Reception, regardless of how many times they have visited the school and they will be required to answer COVID-19 declaration questions.

Music and Drama Events

We have music and drama events scheduled for the next few weeks and for now we will continue to hold these. It is important for both our drama and music students to perform for live audiences and only immediate family (who reside with the student) will be invited. Food or drink will not be served at any events and strict hygiene and registration procedures will be in place.

Sport

Due to the potential spread of the current outbreak, interschool sport and other interschool events are on hold until further notice.

Enrolment Interviews

Our Year 7 2023 interviews planned for mid-August will now be conducted via Zoom.

Outdoor Education activities, camps and excursions

Camps and outdoor education activities will continue to be assessed on a case by case basis. At this stage we haven't cancelled any upcoming camps, however this will be reviewed on Monday. We will also review any planned excursions on Monday and



these will be assessed in the same way with student and staff safety the first and foremost priority.

Confidential Conversation

We would like to remind you about access to our Employee Assistance Program which is available to all parents and carers. If you would like to use this free service, please call 1800 818 728 - 24/7, where you can speak to a qualified counsellor. These consultations are conducted independently of Hillbrook and are strictly in confidence.

We will keep you updated with any important information as we receive it and we ask that you continue to provide any relevant information to us.

You can keep up with the latest developments through Queensland Health [here](#), the most recent contact tracing locations [here](#) and you can enter your postcode to find the nearest testing centre to you [here](#).

We ask everyone to remain vigilant with hand hygiene and social distancing and please stay safe over the weekend.

Yours sincerely
School Leadership Team