

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Update #6

Dear Parents

We would like to provide you with a further update about decisions being made around school closures.

We are taking our advice from the Chief Health Officer, Queensland Health, Education Queensland, Independent Schools Queensland and the Anglican Schools Commission, **who as of this morning, recommend for schools to remain open.**

If the school were to close in regard to coronavirus (COVID-19) it will be because of one of the following reasons:

- A member of our community tests positive and Queensland Health will then guide us on the next steps, which may or may not involve closing down for a period of time, ultimately determined by them.
- We receive notice from the Chief Health Officer, upon advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, that schools across Brisbane and/or Queensland are closing.

If we were to close pre-emptively, it is our understanding that closure may end up being for a much longer period than intended. The decision to re-open would be taken out of our hands and would be determined by Queensland Health.

We have attached a letter sent to the Executive Director of Independent Schools Queensland by the Chief Health Officer which explains how the state is managing school closures.

Please be assured we are taking all possible steps to ensure we prevent a possible outbreak of coronavirus at Hillbrook and we will keep you updated at all times.

Thank you to families who have self-isolated or quarantined if returning to Australia, or as a precaution due to medical reasons for either your child or an immediate family member. For those families who have kept their sick children at home, thank you also, this benefits everyone in our community.

Update on returning to school after self-isolation:

Due to constraints on testing and difficulties obtaining appointments to see a GP, we have updated our requirement for returning to school after a 7-day self-isolation period. A Formal Letter of Clearance is not required; however your child can only

return provided the person who travelled has not become ill during that period. Please [visit our coronavirus webpage](#) for this updated information.

Finally, if you have any concerns or need to notify us about health issues, travel or coronavirus testing, please ring the school and ask to speak to Annie or email communications@hillbrook.qld.edu.au.

Yours sincerely
School Leadership Team