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COVID UPDATE #8/2021

As you will be aware Queensland Health have announced a snap lockdown from 4pm today until 4pm Tuesday. This is a much stricter lockdown than previous lockdowns due to the Delta variant being more transmissible and affecting young people. The Delta variant is a game-changer for us in schools.

For consistency, safety and certainty for our families, students and teachers, we have made the decision to start our Remote Learning on Tuesday 3 August and continue through until Friday 6 August. We are well set up for Remote Learning and we believe this proactive approach will provide everyone with a clear plan for the week rather than waiting day by day to find out what's next.

Hillbrook will be student free on Monday 2 August to allow our teachers to finish preparations for Remote Learning and lessons will begin at 8:30am on Tuesday morning with a Zoom session for all Home Classes. Full details will be sent to students on Monday and the Remote Learning Online Portal will also open for parents on Monday. Students will also be asked to complete homework/study/assignments during the student free day.

We are currently working through the process for Year 12 exams scheduled for this week and we will be in touch with Year 12 students and families separately.

We have a small number of students whose parents have already advised us they are essential workers and your children will be able to attend Hillbrook from Monday 2 August. A separate email will be sent to these parents with more details.

Our music concerts, the Parents.Connect event and open days, all scheduled for next week, are postponed, along with tomorrow's bike ride. Unfortunately, 9 Blue's camp will also be cancelled due to restrictions associated with the lockdown. Please note - if Outdoor Education is impacted by COVID lockdowns or restrictions and planned events can't proceed at the time they were intended to, those events will be cancelled and not be rescheduled. This is unfortunate, but necessary due to the disruption and difficulty caused by rescheduling at this time of the year.

We will continue to communicate with you via SMS and/or email throughout the week. Stay safe and please don't hesitate to contact us by replying to this email if you have any concerns or if you are contacted by Queensland Health Contact Tracers.

Yours sincerely
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