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RE: COVID 19 UPDATE 4

Dear College Families,

The Premier of Queensland has announced that next week is a 'student free week' for Queensland schools. It is important that you know exactly what this means for your family.

- **Will FCAC be open next week?**
Yes. Students will be on campus next week, despite the use of the phrase 'student free week'.
- **Who can attend school next week?**
We will be open for the children of 'essential workers'.
- **Who is an 'essential worker' and can I send my children to school next week?**
The Prime Minister and the Premier have, on different occasions, defined essential workers in a broad sense as basically those who are not caught up in the closures and are still working. At FCAC, we will be helping out anyone who needs to send their children to school. If you are unsure about whether or not to send your child to school, please make contact with myself (jwright@fcac.qld.edu.au), Mrs Brown (Head of Junior School on dabrown@fac.qld.edu.au) or Mrs Hallam (Head of Middle/Senior School on jhallam@fcac.qld.edu.au).
- **Is Koala Kindy and Roos Care open next week?**
Yes. Both of these services will be running as normal.
- **Does next week count as a school holiday?**
The Premier has been very clear that it is expected that children should be still learning next week. They should not be out in the community.
- **What will be happening at school next week?**
Please refer to the information on Page 3.
- **What about online safety?**
Please refer to the eSafety Commissioner's [website](#).
- **What will our teachers be doing next week?**
As well as working with students (on campus and online), teachers will be given time to continue to prepare for a possible longer term online learning situation and develop resources that can be used for on campus and online students in Term 2.



- **Will schools be open next term?**

Based on comments from the Prime Minister, Premier and State Education Minister, we need to be prepared to be open at the start of Term 2, although this could change depending on the situation at the time. If we are open, we are prepared to continue to support our students who are learning from home. If there are school closures, we will simply move to an online learning model for all of our students. We will update you either way once the government has made a decision.

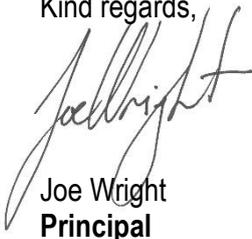
I should mention that our staff are well prepared for the possibility of school closures. We have integrated online systems into our regular programs for many years and recent upgrades to our IT infrastructure have increased our capacity to deliver learning through online platforms. The staff have already been supporting a significant amount of students who are currently self-isolating along with their regular classes. We will be adding more features and opportunities for those learning from home should we be in a similar situation in the coming months.

Our teachers have started using trialling tools with different students over the last two weeks and it would be helpful if you ask your child to try using the online platforms next week as a trail run, even if they are attending school on campus.

We have also set up a COVID 19 Information page on our website: <https://www.fcac.qld.edu.au/news-and-events/covid-19-updates/>

My sincere thanks for your support of our teachers during this time. The comments you have passed on have been a source of encouragement for us all. We know that some of you are facing uncertain times at the moment and we encourage you to stand firm and seek support. To our FCAC parents working on the front line, we salute you.

Kind regards,



Joe Wright
Principal



Term 1 Week 10 Schedule

	On campus students	Learning from home students
Junior School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes will be collapsed into one class per year level (numbers permitting). Schoolwork will be assigned to students to complete independently while being supervised and supported. There will be a focus on literacy and numeracy tasks. We will not be following the regular timetable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will continue to send home schoolwork as they have been doing for the past two weeks.
Years 7 – 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be kept in year levels wherever possible. We will not be following the regular timetable. Teachers will set tasks and upload them to Canvas. Students will be supervised and supported while they independently complete the set tasks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will set tasks and upload them to Canvas. This may also be communicated via email or Microsoft Teams. Students will complete the tasks from home.
Years 11 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to deliver our Year 11 and 12 programs. We will not be following our regular timetable. Teachers will set tasks and upload them to Canvas or deliver via email. Students will be supervised while they complete the set tasks. Students will have access to their teachers at different times during the week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to deliver our Year 11 and 12 programs. Teachers will set tasks and upload them to Canvas or deliver via email. Students complete set tasks at home. Teachers will schedule online sessions / meetings with their students through Canvas or Microsoft Teams.