



# KIRWAN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

A World Class School

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Dear Kirwan State High School Community

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

Please find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to assist you in preparing for this unusual start to the school year.

## **What are the changes to the start of the school year?**

The official start of the school year has moved from Monday 24 January to Monday 7 February.

Students in Years 11 and 12 will undertake remote learning from Monday 31 January to Friday 4 February.

## **Can I send my child to school from Monday 24 January to Friday 4 February?**

The school is open for children of essential workers and vulnerable children during this period.

Essential workers are only those who absolutely must continue to attend their workplace during this time. The Department of Education has asked all parents to consider the Chief Health Officer's advice and stay home with your child if you can.

## **What will my child be doing if they attend school?**

### **Years 7 to 10**

Students will be actively supervised by teachers and will participate in a range of activities from the [learning@home website](#). Face-to-face teaching will not occur during this time.

### **Years 11 and 12**

Students will be participating in remote learning in accordance with their timetable. Students will be actively supervised by teachers. Face-to-face teaching will not occur during this time.

## **How does my child participate in remote learning? (Years 11 and 12 only)**

By Friday 28 January, students will receive emails from:

- the school including their timetable; and
- each of their teachers including arrangements for remote learning for each subject.

Students are encouraged to organise their learning each day according to their timetable.

## **My child does not know their login details? (Years 11 and 12 only)**

If your child cannot login, please email [StudentICTSupport@kirwanshs@eq.edu.au](mailto:StudentICTSupport@kirwanshs@eq.edu.au) with their full name and year level. Alternatively, you can telephone 4773 8111 for assistance.

## **What if my child cannot access online learning? (Years 11 and 12 only)**

Please telephone 4773 8111 by Tuesday 25 January to register for a remote learning pack. Remote learning packs will be available for collection from the school office from Monday 31 January.



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### **How can my child contact their teacher if they need assistance? (Years 11 and 12 only)**

Staff contact details are located at <https://kirwanshs.eq.edu.au/our-school/our-staff> on the school website.

### **Do I need to notify the school that my child is participating in remote learning each day? (Years 11 and 12 only)**

No. It is assumed that your child is participating in remote learning each day.

### **My child is unable to complete remote learning due to illness / absence, what do I do? (Years 11 and 12 only)**

If your child is unable to complete remote learning, please email [absences@kirwanshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:absences@kirwanshs.eq.edu.au) or telephone 4773 8108.

When reporting absences, parents/carers should state:

- Student name and HGR;
- Date of absence;
- Reason for absence; and
- Expected duration.

### **Where do students that are attending school meet each morning?**

All students need to meet at the Quad at the start of each day.

### **Can I send my child to school if they are unwell?**

No. If your child presents to school unwell or becomes unwell during the day, you will be contacted to collect them immediately.

### **Are all year levels starting back on Monday 7 February?**

Information on the starting arrangements will be provided on Thursday 27 January.

### **How can my child access their timetable?**

Years 11 and 12 timetables will be emailed to students on Friday 28 January.

If your child is new to the school, please telephone 4773 8111 to request a copy of their timetable via an alternative email.

Years 7 to 10 timetables will be emailed to students on Wednesday 2 February.

If your child is new to the school, we will not be providing a copy of their timetable via an alternative email at this time.

Students can also access their timetable through <https://oslp.eq.ed.au>.

All students will be provided with a hard copy of their timetable on the first day of school.

Parents can also access their child's timetables through QParents. If you would like to set-up a QParents account, please telephone 4773 8111.

### **Are parents/carers allowed at school?**

We ask that parents/carers limit visiting the school where possible.

## **Is there an Induction Program for new students to the school?**

### **Year 7**

Students will participate in an Induction Program when we return to school on Monday 7 February.

### **Years 8 to 12**

New students to the school are invited to attend an Induction Program on Friday 28 January from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Students are welcome to attend the full school day.

### **Years 11 and 12**

New students to the school are also invited to attend an Online Learning Orientation on Friday 28 January from 12:00pm to 1:00pm, following the Induction Program. Students are welcome to attend the full school day.

## **How can I support my child's wellbeing?**

The school has developed resources to support student wellbeing. These resources can be found here <https://kirwanshs.eq.edu.au/support-and-resources/health-and-wellbeing> on the school website.

I have also attached a 'Advice for parents and carers to support children and young people' Fact Sheet and a 'Wellbeing Activities for Students' Booklet.

## **Will students have to wear a face mask at school?**

Yes. All high school students, including those who are under 12 years of age, need to wear a mask unless they are seated indoors or outdoors or are able to maintain a 1.5 metre distance from others.

## **Will the school be providing face masks?**

No. It is expected that staff and students will provide their own where possible. The school has a limited supply of face masks available to staff and students.

## **How are schools maintaining safe environments?**

The school has available hand sanitiser, disinfectant products and tissues.

Cleaners will be working throughout the day to allow for even greater attention and frequency to cleaning activity in schools, particularly the high touch points around classrooms and amenities blocks.

## **Are students required to wear their school uniform during this time?**

Yes. Students are expected to be in full and correct school uniform whilst in attendance at school.

## **Can my child bring their own personal electronic device for entertainment if they are attending school?**

No. Students will be participating in [learning@home website](#) during class time.

## **Will the tuckshop be open?**

Yes. The tuckshop will be operating on a limited menu.

## **Are school buses operating?**

Yes. School buses commence operation on Monday 24 January.

## **What is the last day of the school year?**

On Sunday 9 January, the Queensland Government announced that the last day of the school year was changed to Friday 16 December. This has since been changed back to the original date of Friday 9 December.

I have attached an updated 2022 Queensland School Calendar.

I encourage you to stay informed of the latest developments relating to COVID-19 by regularly visiting the [Queensland Government website](#).

The Department of Education will continue to keep all schools up-to-date with any further changes to schooling over the coming weeks and I will continue to provide the community with this information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during this difficult and unprecedented time.

Yours in Education

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Murry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and a long, sweeping underline.

Heather Murry  
Executive Principal