



## Russell Island State School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Queensland Government has announced that students in Years 2–10 will return to school on **Monday 25 May, 2020**.

This announcement means that from 25 May, all of our students can return to school. I join our entire school team in warmly welcoming your child back. We have missed them.

The decision to return to school for all Queensland students is supported by Queensland's Chief Health Officer and aligns with progressive easing of restrictions as part of the Government's response to COVID-19.

[Frequently asked questions](#) are available to help you understand how we will implement a safe transition back to school. This includes hygiene practices such as effective hand hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, and restricting visitors to the school.

[Advice](#) from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) states that physical distancing is not required for students during classroom activities. However, it is still required between adults. I therefore ask parents and carers to pay particular attention to the requirement for adults to maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres at all times while on school grounds.

Please do not gather in areas around the school such as carparks, at the school gate or outside classrooms. In addition, please make use of our stop, drop and go area wherever possible.

If your child is unwell, it is essential that you keep them at home. In accordance with [Queensland Health Directions](#), parents or carers of any child showing signs of illness will be asked to collect them immediately from the school.

I understand that some parents and carers may choose to keep their child at home due to special circumstances, medical vulnerability, or concerns about the risk of COVID-19 transmission. If you do not intend for your child to return to normal school attendance from Monday 25 May 2020, you must notify the school.

If you choose to keep your child at home, you remain responsible for their supervision and their learning. The [learning@home](#) website will remain available and will continue to be updated throughout Term 2 with new resources for students in Prep to Year 10. Students will also be able to view quality curriculum-based television programs on three different stations – programming information can be found on the [learning@home](#) website.

For students who have a medical reason requiring them to remain at home or in isolation, our school will make arrangements to support their learning at home just as they would in the case of any extended student medical absence.

On behalf of all staff, I sincerely thank you for your patience and support over recent weeks and months. The positive feedback from our school community and the willingness of parents and carers to partner with us in support of your children's learning, has been greatly appreciated.

Warmest Regards,

*Jayne Barnett*  
Principal