



## Russell Island State School

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### **Dear parents and caregivers**

Thank you for your support for our school community during the latest lockdown.

The work that we have done together over the past week, minimising movement, returning to remote learning, wearing masks, and getting tested has meant that the Chief Health Officer has [lifted the lockdown in the 11 Local Government Areas](#).

This is great news and from Tuesday 10 August 2021 our school will welcome back all students and staff. Monday 9 August is the Redlands Show Holiday and school will be closed.

Whilst this is welcome news, we will need to implement additional restrictions to minimise transmission and further protect the health and safety of our school community. These additional restrictions will include wearing of masks on school sites for all adults and limiting parents, carers and other visitors on school sites unless absolutely necessary.

I realise that having parents and carers on our school site is part of our school routine and this restriction will be challenging, especially for our youngest students. However, these restrictions are necessary so our students can return to their classrooms from Tuesday in the safest way possible. Restrictions on having parents/carers and visitors on school sites have been in place in the past, particularly during last year and our school will be reinstating our previous arrangements to ensure students enter and leave schools safely.

Please see the '**RISS COVID Lockdown Transition Back to School**' below. These highlight changes for our drop off and pick up routine.

Prep students will finish school at 2:25 until we can welcome parents back into the school grounds to pick up and drop off their children. I appreciate the support of the Prep families while we adapt the prep school day to ensure our youngest students can transition to and from school in the safest possible way.

The Department of Education has also asked us to implement the following additional restrictions until otherwise advised:

- visitors and external providers including providers of extra curricula activities will not be permitted on school sites.
- assemblies and other large group activities including instrumental music groups, choirs, performances, extra curricula sporting activities, and dancing will not be permitted
- interschool sport and excursions will not be permitted.
- Breakfast club, tuckshop and P&C activities will not be operating until further notice.

I realise the latest developments may create challenges for families, but please be assured these decisions have been taken as a necessary response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

The Department of Education will continue to keep me and all principals up-to-date with any further required changes to school arrangements over the coming days and I will continue to provide parents with this information as soon as it becomes available.

Further information for parents is available in the [Department of Education's frequently asked questions](#).

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

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

Leanne McMahan  
Acting Principal

# R.I.S.S. COVID LOCKDOWN TRANSITION BACK TO SCHOOL

## ADULTS MUST NOT ENTER SCHOOL GROUNDS WITHOUT PRINCIPAL'S PERMISSION.



### PREP STUDENTS & THEIR SIBLINGS

Prep students and their siblings will be collected earlier in the afternoon to alleviate drop off and pick up congestion and help maintain social distancing expectations with our families.

#### 8:15am – 8:30am Staffed Prep drop off area

Parents please walk your child to the gate and watch them walk to the staff member on duty.

#### 2:25pm -2:30pm Staffed Prep pick up area.

Parents please wait, socially distanced along the fence line. Staff will send your child to you.

### ALL OTHER STUDENTS Drop off from 8:20am. Pick up at 2:45

Entry and Exit Gates for STUDENTS ONLY:

1. Admin gate on High Street (near the crossing)
2. Fern Tce top gate (Please DO NOT park in the bus stop area)
3. Fern Tce lower gate PICK UP ONLY from 2:45

Adults are welcome to walk student to the entry/exit gates. Please do not enter the gate and *ensure you are socially distancing from other adults*. Please call the office 34009333 for assistance.

All students will be required to see an adult for hand sanitizer and sit in the top covered area (Fern Terrace) when they arrive to school.