



'Quality Christian Education in a Caring Environment'

Return to School - Arrangements from 25 May 2020

19 May 2020

Dear Parents,

We welcome the Queensland Government's announcement that all year levels will be returning to on campus learning from Monday 25 May. This update includes our implementation of this return as well as a range of information shared in previous communications.

Teaching & Learning – All Year Levels

Through the significant effort, commitment and support of students, parents and staff our GSLC@Home approach has served our students' needs well for a number of weeks.

With all year levels back on campus, we will transition to a more usual school day experience. Students will be with their class, in their usual classroom, with their teacher, following their usual daily routine or timetable.

We will cease operating in GSLC@Home mode from Monday 25 May. Teachers will continue to use Learning Hub (P-5) and Pulse (6-12) and associated resources in various ways and to varying extents to complement in-class teaching and learning.

Attendance

For attendance recording purposes, we will assume that all students will be on campus. It is possible that some students will not be attending due to medical advice or due to family choice. Government advice is that students engaged in learning from home will not be recorded as absent.

If your child will be learning from home, beyond a short absence for usual reasons, please contact Mr Tim Lambert (Junior Years), Mrs Sandy Hardy (Middle Years) or Mr Matt Armstrong (Senior Years). We will work with students and families to support learning during periods of absence as we have over many years. This may include the provision of materials through Learning Hub (Junior Years) or Pulse class pages (Middle & Senior Years). With the majority of students in class, learning from home will look different to GSLC@Home.

Social Distancing on Campus – Adult - Adult

General community expectations and school specific guidelines reinforce the importance of social distancing between adults on campus (parent – parent & parent – staff). The restrictions necessary to achieve this are important but they are not natural for our college community. Even if we need to do things differently for now, we value open and timely communication with parents and encourage this to continue. Conversations with staff can be arranged via direct email or through reception.

To assist in supporting distancing between adults, the following arrangements are in place. They will be reviewed and adjusted where necessary to achieve the intent of current or updated advice.

Student & Staff Zone

Consistent with the advice provided to schools, the majority of the campus is a Student & Staff Zone. There are restrictions on parent and visitor access into the College and through the campus. (Refer attached map and onsite signage)

Parents and visitors are only to be in Student & Staff Zone where necessary for the following reasons and must observe social distancing between other parents and staff:

- picking up a child after 3.30pm (Eg OHSC)
- Meetings arranged in advance with staff

Parents needing to access IT, Library, Jnr Years Administration or other areas in the Student & Staff Zone are asked to make arrangements through SA Student Reception, Main Reception or call 5455 8600.

Pick up and drop off

Pick up and drop off arrangements have changed, particularly where the routine has been to take your child to the classroom and to wait for them at the classroom at the end of the day. At all times parents must observe social distancing from other adults and remain outside the Student & Staff Zone.

Stop & Go Zone

The preferred method is to use the Stop & Go Zone at the main entrance to the College. While this doesn't always function smoothly during peak times, the following existing and new arrangements should assist:

- Students will wait in the usual grassed and paved area. (Note that the majority of this area is part of the Student & Staff Zone)
- Loading of vehicles will be restricted to a loading area (approx. 4 vehicles) at the front of the queue.
- If your child is not ready when your car is in the loading area, you will need to continue through the Stop & Go Zone and park or re-enter the queue.
- Parents are to remain in the vehicle if at all possible.
- Children are to enter/exit the car through the kerbside doors where possible.
- If loading children and their gear is a lengthier process, parking is the preferred option.
- If possible, delay your pick up time. Queuing usually drops rapidly from 3.15pm. All students will be supervised in the pick up drop off area until 3.25pm and if necessary Main Reception after that time.

It is important that parents are mindful of rules relating to public roads, particularly at entrances to the College. If queuing traffic extends to the College boundary, it will be necessary to delay entering the campus, park onsite or legally offsite. We understand that pick up can become stressful, particularly prior to 3.15pm. We ask that you follow these arrangements, signage and staff direction knowing that your child is safe.

Pick up and drop off in person

The following different arrangements are necessary where children are being picked up by parents who have parked. Social distancing between adults is to be maintained.

Preps – Parents won't be able to enter through the Prep gates into the Student & Staff Zone. At the start of the day parents can say goodbye to their child near the main Prep gate. The Prep gate closest to the boundary will not be used. Teachers or teacher aides will assist the Preps to settle in and prepare for the day. At the end of the day Preps will be waiting and ready to be met by parents in the area outside of the main Prep gate. Staff will assist in this process. Please discuss any variations to these arrangements with your child's teacher.

Year 1 – Parents won't be able to go down to the Year 1 classrooms. At the start of the day parents can say goodbye to their child near the top of the ramp that goes down to the Year 1

classrooms. Teachers or teacher aides will assist the Year 1s to settle in and prepare for the day. At the end of the day Year 1s will be packed, ready and waiting under supervision in a section of the pick up area. Please discuss any variations to these arrangements with your child's teacher.

All other year levels will wait in the pick up and drop off area.

We will review these arrangements and refine as necessary to make the pick up and drop off process as effective as possible and consistent with current and updated advice.

Illness

It is essential that students do not attend school if they are unwell. While we recognise that some symptoms might be minor, possibly unrelated to COVID-19 and within the scope of usual attendance, we need to be more cautious in the current circumstance. If in doubt, please keep your child at home as children presenting as unwell will need to be taken home and remain at home until no longer exhibiting symptoms of illness. The importance of this is reinforced through a specific health directive to schools and early childhood services from the Queensland Chief Health Officer.

Social Distancing on Campus – Student - Student

We note that the latest advice of the national AHPPC and Queensland Government does not assume or expect formal social distancing measures for students, in particular maintaining a separation of 1.5m and limits on the number of students in a classroom.

We see an ongoing awareness of social distancing and minimizing unnecessary contact as important. We will approach this in an educative and supportive way with the intent of a maintaining practical measures that do not unduly impact on the student experience.

Some key strategies include:

- cancelling or moving online all larger gatherings, excursions, assemblies, sport training and competition, ensemble rehearsals.
- desk and in class seating arrangements that maximize the separation of students where practical in the space and for the activity.
- where suitable students being based at the same desk or working location throughout the day.
- limited sharing of equipment.
- At breaks, students involved in active play will be encouraged to avoid unnecessary proximity and not be involved in contact games and activities. We will monitor the number of students using playground equipment and implement further strategies if required.

Hygiene Measures on Campus

We will continue to review and where applicable implement hygiene advice from government and health authorities. During last term we implemented or enhanced a range of hygiene measures:

- Hand sanitiser access – All P-5 classrooms and multiple locations across the campus.
- Handwashing stations – 17 stations installed in multiple locations outside classrooms.
- At least daily cleaning and disinfecting of desks and high contact surfaces including play equipment based on COVID-19 specific cleaning protocols.
- An additional cleaner onsite during the day to clean surfaces in higher traffic areas (eg handrails, reception counters), toilets and other areas as needed.
- Cleaning equipment will be available in classrooms for additional needs based use (eg specific activities or risk factors)
- Transition to water bottles only – Filling stations are located across the campus. (Water bubblers have been converted to handwashing stations.)

We will continue to reinforce the importance of and embed into the routine of the day:

- washing hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitiser, when entering school, and at regular intervals throughout the day particularly before and after eating, and after going to the toilet.
- covering coughs and sneezes with ones elbow or tissues.
- placing used tissues straight into the bin.
- avoiding touching one's eyes, nose and mouth.
- not sharing food or drink.

Tuckshop

Our tuckshop continues to provide a service for students and staff. As always, it is helpful if orders can be made through Flexischools as far in advance as possible.

OHSC

Our OHSC service remains open and ready to support families who need their children looked after beyond the end of the school day. OHSC can be contacted phone 0409 707 167 or email ohsc@gslc.qld.edu.au

Buses

College buses are running based on bus routes and timetables from the start of the year. If you have questions regarding College bus arrangements please contact transport@gslc.qld.edu.au.

Thank you for your support as we do this next transition together.

Take care

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Dyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anthony Dyer
Principal

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