



# Fairholme College

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Thursday 26 March

Dear Middle/Senior School Parents

Thank you for your patience with the plethora of communication and revised information regarding the Coronavirus pandemic. We have appreciated your support: all. To those families who have been in a position to have children at home; this has enabled much stronger practice around social distancing – an imperative measure in reducing risk of transmission. The Government continues to encourage parents to keep their children at home should they so wish.

We move officially to on-line *Learning from Holme* from Monday 30 March for Middle and Senior School students. In many classes, with numbers at about 20% or less, we have already begun implementing these provisions, alongside classroom instruction. Today I have received information through Independent Schools Queensland outlining the Queensland Premier and Minister for Education announcements for state schools for next week. Government schools in Queensland will now move to student free status from Monday 30 March but they have also been directed to make supervisory provision for children of essential workers – namely Health Professionals, Emergency Service workers: ambulance, fire and police, as well as parents who are in employment but who do not have the capacity to work from home.

In support of this directive from the Queensland Premier and Minister for Education, Fairholme College will offer supervision of students from Monday 30 March to Thursday 2 April, for those parents working in essential services. In the Middle and Senior Schools, the College Leadership Team will undertake this supervision. To assist our arrangements for supervision, we would ask you to click this link <https://www.fairholme.qld.edu.au/community/events/student-attendance-covid-19.html> and complete the attached form. This information will be required by midday **Friday 27 March** to confirm your daughter's supervisory requirement from Monday 30 March through to Thursday 2 April. Regular school hours will be in operation and girls will be required to wear school uniform and bring their laptop and other resources to school each day.

We continue to plan towards our scheduled Term Two start, but I will, of course, advise you of any further information communicated through the Prime Minister's Office, Premier's Office or Department of Education in the interim.

Thank you again for your support in a time that is complex, difficult and challenging at so many levels. May we all continue to find space and opportunity to reach out to those who need us the most.

Kind regards

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