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Dear Parents/Carers

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

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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.

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. Students will engage in regular effective hygiene protocols, including regularly washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitiser and covering coughs and sneezes. Increased cleaning frequencies of high-touch surfaces will continue.

Parents and carers are to avoid entry onto the school grounds, as directed by Education Queensland in 'Return to school planning considerations'.

When dropping children off at school in the morning:

- Drop off at the back of the school in the designated drop off zone(Park Street)
- Drop off as close to 8:40am as possible
- Parent and carers do not enter school grounds unless absolutely necessary
- Parents and carers do not enter classrooms
- Parent and carers do not congregate outside classrooms or in school grounds
- If it is raining, please drop students off at the front of the school, stop-drop-and go only as this is the designated bus stop

When collecting children from school in the afternoon:

- Staff will walk students to the back of the school (Park Street) for drive through pick up at 3:00pm
- Any students who travel by bus will be supervised until the last bus leaves
- Parents and carers do not enter the school grounds unless absolutely necessary
- Parents and carers do not enter classrooms
- Parents and carers do not congregate outside classrooms or in school grounds

These measures have been put in place to ensure everyone's safety and well-being. We are doing everything we can to observe the social distancing protocols set by the Government.

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

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

Regards,

A Kaikata Tania Kaitara Principal