



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM HEADMASTER

Wednesday 25 March

Dear BGS Community,

I refer to my [update sent last Friday 20 March 2020](#). As promised, I now provide specific details of the learning block schedule and student expectations for delivery of the curriculum online.

The insecurity and uncertainty ensuing from COVID-19 has created challenges for us all. These challenges require us to change the way we operate.

I am acutely aware of the impact this pandemic is having on students, parents and teachers. We are all concerned about the safety of our family, friends and colleagues. I want to thank the BGS community for remaining calm.

While the current view of the Federal and Queensland Governments continues to be that schools are to remain open, we are conscious that many parents are already choosing to keep their children at home.

Our priorities remain the health and safety of our school community, while at the same time continuing the delivery of a quality education.

Therefore, in order to accommodate the needs of all families, from Thursday of this week BGS will transition to supervised delivery of curriculum online whether at school or at home, at your determination.

BGS staff have worked extremely hard to plan and modify our teaching and operations so that we can continue to deliver learning experiences for the boys. Some cocurricular sport fitness programs and music rehearsal activities will also be delivered online and further information will be provided about those options soon.

With that in mind, Deputy Headmaster – Teaching and Learning Steve Uscinski, has created a video to assist parents and students navigate the online mode of delivery. Please [click here](#).

Below is the upcoming four-day schedule of online learning (Thursday 26 – Tuesday 31 March):

Time	Session
8.15am	Wellbeing Check-in
8.30am	Period 1
9.10am	Period 2
9.50am	Period 3
10.30am	Break
11.00am	Period 4
11.40am	Period 5
12.20pm	Period 6
1.00pm	Break
2.00pm	Independent Study
4.00pm	Personal Time

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The schedule continues daily timetable structure for students and staff and builds in the kind of independence that an online environment demands. Independent study will vary for different ages, and so will the tasks to be completed during this time. Teachers will use the time after 2.00pm for collaboration, preparation of lessons and planning of curriculum, should an extended closure be mandated by government.

For more details regarding [Online Expectations for Students](#) and [Online Guidelines for Parents](#), please click on the hyperlinks above.

Our school remains open and operating, but we acknowledge that the current environment means things are very different. Please refer to my [20 March 2020 update](#) and the links contained therein for further information.

I will update families again in our weekly newsletter on Friday.

The boarding community will remain open until the end of term. Overseas students who are unable to fly home will be looked after on campus throughout the upcoming term break.

Should a day family wish to host any of their son's boarding friends over the holiday, they are invited to contact Harlin House at boarding@brisbanegrammar.com.

To read the School's latest updates on the issue, please visit the [COVID-19 Advice for the BGS Community](#) page on the BGS website.

Kind regards,

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