

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

In his press conference on 22 March 2020, the Prime Minister again outlined that schools are an essential part of our communities and will remain open at this time.

It is entirely reasonable for parents to elect to keep their children home during this time, however please notify the school of this decision. Students who are unwell should also stay at home. Please contact the school regarding absences using the following email address

– Absences@springfieldcentralshs.eq.edu.au or Administration@springfieldcentralshs.eq.edu.au

For students at home, teaching and learning resources are available through the Department of Education's [learning@home](#). This will complement work sent home by teachers to students' school email addresses last Thursday.

Find below a list of changes to our usual routines and practices in response to the COVID – 19. My apologies for any upset these may cause – my decision making needs to take in equity considerations as well as wellbeing of students and staff.

- No reporting for year 7 – 10 this term. Year 11 and 12 students have already received their interim reports due to the new QCE system. Schools are only required to report twice a year to parents/carers so this will take place at the end of Semester One and the end of the year. Parent teacher interviews have been postponed.
- Tests and orals from week 8, 9 and 10 will be viewed as formative pieces for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 – that is they don't count towards a level of achievement or grade. Teachers may choose to ask students to complete these but will use them to help inform their teaching and identify learning gaps.
 - It has been decided in the best interests of students to postpone the Year 11 Exam Block that was scheduled for Week 10 (31/03/20 – 03/04/20) until further notice. Please also note that as of Tuesday 24 March, Go for Gold Tutoring will also cease until further notice.
 - Mrs Andrews will be in contact with any changes to Vocational Education Programs.
 - Assignment work should still be submitted by students not at school via email to their classroom teacher. If sick – students need to follow the usual assessment policy. Students who are at school should follow the normal process.

All information has been updated on the front page of the School's website for your information. I have included some helpful links for families to assist during these difficult times. <https://springfieldcentralshs.eq.edu.au/calendar-and-news/news/c-o-v-i-d19-school-management>

If you have any questions please email the school using the following address

- Administration@springfieldcentralshs.eq.edu.au Please check the website first – information there may answer your question. If students require support please don't hesitate to access our student support services

My sincere thanks for your ongoing support during this unprecedented and challenging time.

Yours Truly

Anne Lawson

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