




## Bundaberg North State High School

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Dear parents and caregivers

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

As announced by the Premier on Sunday 9 January, the start of the 2022 school year in Queensland will move from 24 January to 7 February to avoid opening schools during the predicted peak of the Omicron wave and allow more time for children to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Our school will remain open for children of essential workers and vulnerable children during this period. Please complete the form at the link below to inform us if your child WILL be attending school during this time.

<https://bundabernorthshs.schoolzineplus.com/form/22>

Essential workers are only those who absolutely must continue to attend their workplace during this time. The Department of Education has asked all parents to consider the Chief Health Officer's advice and stay home with your children if you can.

**If you need to send your child to school you must ensure your child is well and not displaying any signs of illness. Students should be in school uniform and bring an exercise book, pens/pencils, a reading book and students over 12 years of age should be wearing a mask.**

**Students should bring a water bottle, hat and food for lunches. The tuckshop will be operating but with a limited menu.**

**From Monday 31 January, Year 11 and 12 students will undertake remote learning for one week until the revised formal start of the school year on 7 February. If a Year 11 or 12 student is sick and unable to participate in their learning program during this time please advise us so we can record the students' absence as sick.**

We are reducing the number of staff on our school site to minimise transmission and further protect the health and safety of our school community.

School staff will supervise any students who attend school. We will not be providing teaching activities during this time, nor are you expected to supervise remote learning for students who remain at home.

However, if you would like to support your child's learning during this time you can access the Department of Education's [learning@home website](#). This site contains a range of student learning material and links to other high-quality education websites.

I realise these latest developments may create challenges for families; please be assured these decisions have been taken as a necessary response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

The Department of Education will continue to keep all principals up-to-date with any further changes to schooling over the coming weeks and I will continue to provide parents with this information as it becomes available. Further information for parents has been developed including [frequently asked questions](#).

I encourage you to stay informed of the latest developments relating to COVID-19 by regularly visiting the [Queensland Government website](#).

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during this difficult and unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. L. Kent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Robyn Kent

Principal, Bundaberg North State High School