



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL CLOSURE POLICY

Rationale:

The purpose of this plan is to enable Holy Spirit School to continue to deliver high quality education in the event of a school closure or other major disruption.

Underpinning the plan is a commitment to enabling students to continue to engage in a Catholic Education which is Christ-centred and child-focused in challenging times. Guiding the decisions and actions articulated in the plan is the dignity of each member of the Holy Spirit school community.

Policy Statement:

Temporary closure of Holy Spirit School may occur where there is an immediate or imminent threat to the physical health or safety of students, staff or community members.

School closure may be due to school specific circumstances including but not exclusive to the following situations:

- emergency or critical incident
- risk to health or safety
- burst water pipe
- power failure

A lead agency may recommend the temporary closure of schools in prescribed circumstances. A prescribed circumstance includes but is not exclusive to the following situations:

- emergency or critical incident
- risk to health or safety
- instruction from the Chief Medical Officer
- epidemic/pandemic
- industrial action
- days of persistent extreme weather conditions (thermal comfort)
- where a facility has been identified for closure during an extreme or catastrophic fire danger rating.

Procedures:

1. The School Response Team is made up of Steve Versteegen, Natalie Sims, Mary Pearton and Tiana Sgambelluri
2. In the event of a school closure, parents will be notified via email and SEQTA
3. The school will deliver online learning through SeeSaw (Kindy-Year Two) and TEAMS (Year Three-Year Six). Natalie Sims and class teacher will be the administrators for the online platforms
4. Other resources will be used, such as home readers packs and text books
5. Lessons will be provided daily and teachers will be in regular contact with students and parents.

Online Learning Procedures:

In the event of a school closure due to the Covid-19 virus or in other events, teachers will have the first two designated days to prepare and plan for a condensed version of the curriculum. By 2pm on the second day learning tasks will be made available to students. Each child will bring home their pencil case and textbooks. If class teachers have made up educational packs, we will schedule a time for parents to pick them up from the front office.

Lessons will be done daily. Teachers will have lessons uploaded by 9.30am. Teachers will only contact parents and students between 9am-3pm. As teachers are still delivering the curriculum, the onus is on students to follow the schedule and keep up with the set tasks by his or her class teacher. There will be no opportunity for students to catch up on the work missed whilst school was closed upon return.

Although not expected, it would be much appreciated if parents can mark their child's work and send it back when school resumes.

A Home Learning Grid guide will consist of the following tasks;

Religion

English (reading, spelling, grammar and writing- soundwaves)

Mathematics (imaths/mathletics/tasks)

Integrated Studies- health, history and science

Family Fun Task (bake a cake, play board games etc)

Specialist teachers will also provide resources/work for their classes.