



Glass House Mountains State School

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to 2022. I hope that everyone in our community has had a wonderful and safe holiday break and that the recent health circumstances have not been overly challenging for your family.

I am so pleased to have been given the opportunity to join the Glass House Mountains State School community this semester. I have felt so very welcomed already and I have been told by many, many colleagues how lucky I am to be part of this community.

School staff will commence working next week, with our official student free days being Wednesday, Thursday, Friday with a flexible work day for teaching staff on Tuesday.

I attach a **Letter to Parents** outlining the recent latest government announcements of the delayed start of the school year, and the process for returning to school. Next week, I will send a **survey** for families requiring supervision of their children, due to essential work, from 24 January- 4 February. This will allow for us to plan supervision numbers of staff, we are mindful that our staff numbers could be variable depending on illness. We understand that some families will need only some days in this fortnight period so please indicate which days you require supervision on the survey.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in helping us to abide by the COVID guidelines and keep our community safe.

I really look forward to meeting you and your family when we return to school on 7 February!

Kind regards,
Gabrielle

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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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

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