



I respect learning, safety, me and you.
Inclusion at Mareeba State School is acknowledging, respecting and supporting our diverse school community to grow and succeed.

FAQs – COVID in 2022

Scenario 2 – Partial School Closure

General:

Can my child attend school in person?

Children are permitted to attend school if their parents or carers work in essential roles, must attend their workplace and cannot access alternative care. Children who identify as vulnerable based on the Queensland Government criteria (those children on Youth Justice orders, living in Outside of Home Care or families receiving Child Safety support) can also attend school. If a parent or carer is working in an essential role from home, permission to send your child to school must be granted via the school Principal.

Where do I drop my child to school each morning and when?

All students must report to the big under covered area before school daily. Families are asked to drop students off via the gate closest the hall on Constance Street. Families are asked to remain outside of the school grounds where possible. Students will be supervised during this period of time and will not have play time before school. Parents cannot park or use the bus zones – Police patrol this area.

Where do I pick my child up each afternoon?

All bus students will be collected by buses on Constance Street. All other students are asked to be collected via the gate on Atherton Street or the oval gate on Constance Street (both locations will be supervised). Again, families are asked to remain outside of the school grounds where possible. Students will be supervised during this period of time and will not have play time. Parents cannot park or use the bus zones – Police patrol this area.

Will the buses still be running?

Yes, all bus runs will continue to run each morning and afternoon.

Learning at Home:

I'm not very confident teaching my kids. How much do I actually have to *teach* them at home?

You are not expected to teach. Teachers will create the learning materials and provide feedback. Your job as a parent is to be encouraging and supportive, set boundaries and goals, ensure a good routine is in place, and help your children with the work as required.

What will I receive from the school?

We will provide a hardcopy learning from home booklet if families come to collect them during the allocated timeframes via Constance Street. Teachers will also provide updated information to students and parents via email on how to access other web-based resources. Through our Facebook page and parent emails, we will continue to send out updated information, videos, links and other resources.

Are the learning materials designed for children to work independently?

Learning materials are quite self-explanatory but parents may need to assist if students hit a tricky point. Students may also need help to get started with work, access resources and navigate the online materials.

How can my child get help if they need it?

If a scenario 1 is enacted, teachers will email families to ensure everyone has the teachers email address. During these times, teachers will be available to offer support for any student or parent questions. Older students are encouraged to email their teachers directly.



How many hours of school work should I do with my child each day?

Prep – Year 2					
Australian Curriculum	English / literacy activities	Maths / numeracy activities	Science	Health and Physical Education/Other	
	45-60min	30-45min	30min	30min	

Year 3 – 6					
Australian Curriculum	English / literacy activities	Maths / numeracy activities	Science	Health and Physical Education	Other
	45-60min	30-45min	30min	30min	40min

Years 7 – 10					
Australian Curriculum	English / literacy activities	Maths / numeracy activities	Science	Health and Physical Education	Other
	60-70min	45-60min	30min	30min	40min

What subjects will my children be learning?

At Mareeba SS, learning from home booklets will be centred on age appropriate activities across a variety of Key Learning Areas with a focus on English, Maths and Science.

How often do we return or get new learning materials?

Our learning from home student booklets will offer enough activities for 2 weeks of school work based on the suggested hours for learning (see table above). If the school closure extends longer than 2 weeks, parents will be advised via email, our website and Facebook of the next learning materials.

Will my child be disadvantaged learning from home?

No, all children, either learning from home or learning from school, will be accessing the same resources.

Learning from school:

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If my child is at school, what precautions are in place to protect them from COVID?

Mareeba SS will ensure the Department of Education COVID guidelines are followed. Regular school cleaning, hand sanitizing, social distancing and sending unwell staff and students home will be just some of the guidelines in place.

Will my child/ren have their regular classroom teacher each day?

No. Depending on the staff in attendance each day, teachers and teacher aides will be allocated to different year levels or groups of students. This will mean that any of our teachers will provide student supervision. This may or may not be your child's teacher. This may happen in a different classroom to your child's usual class also. Specialist teachers, including Intervention and DRT teachers may also teach your child.

If I choose to keep my child learning from home once school is open to all children, will the school provide learning at home materials?

No, students should be attending school once their year level is permitted to do so. If a parent/carer chooses to keep their vulnerable child at home once school is open, parents/carers will need to contact the school to arrange some basic school work.