

9 August 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

As a result of the advice from NSW Health, the Byron Shire, Richmond Valley, Lismore and Ballina Shire Local Government Areas will be subject to a Stay at Home Order from **6.00pm on Monday, 9 August 2021 until 12.01am Tuesday, 17 August 2021.**

Attendance at school will now be limited to vulnerable students and those students whose parents/caregivers for whom it is essential for them to attend their place of work and cannot work from home.

On Tuesday, 10 August 2021, students can complete homework tasks, continue working on assignments and review classwork while schools finalise preparations for blended learning.

On Wednesday, 11 August 2021, we will move to a blended learning approach for the delivery of education to our students. There is no difference in the learning between what students are learning at home to those still needing to attend school.

Put simply, blended learning is the use of a combination of different methods and tools to deliver education. Our classroom teachers have been delivering learning to students in many ways: in print, face to face, through online tools such as Google Classroom and Moodle for some time and we are confident of teachers' capacity to continue to deliver quality education for students. Your child has been learning in a blended learning environment in their classrooms for most of their school years and will be familiar with many of these different tools.

Your school will be in contact with you tomorrow to outline the arrangements for contactless collection of learning materials if required.

To further support families, the 'Learning from Home: Families' site provides resources, hints and tips on how to support your child/ren's learning at home. The website can be accessed [here](#).

Yours sincerely,



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