



10 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re – Changes to Medical adjustments from Semester 2 2025

I write to provide information about changes to our medical adjustment protocols from Semester 2, 2025. These changes are in accordance with policy and legislative requirements identified in this correspondence.

Our school will continue to support students with specific medical needs identified in writing by a health professional to participate in *all learning areas*. This adjustment enacts the school's responsibilities under various legislative areas identified below.

- *Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)*: Right to education (section 36) – children have the right to go to a school that meets their needs; if you do not get the same access as everyone else because you are different it could be discrimination. For more information: [Understand human rights](#)
- *Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cwlth)*: Educators must offer a person with a disability the same educational opportunities as everyone else; educators must make changes or “reasonable adjustments” to assist that person to perform essential course-work. For more information: [DDA guide education](#)
- *Disability Standards for Education 2005 (Cwlth)* – all Queensland state schools are required to make reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities to enable them to access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. For more information: [Reasonable adjustments](#)

To support students to access their learning some adjustments could include:

- changing assessment procedures;
- allowing for alternative examination/assessment methods; or
- changing course delivery methods

In instances where medical advice suggests a school should consider a reduced workload, additional supports or adjustment, our Student Services Support Team will work closely with the parent, teacher and student (where appropriate) to identify effective adjustments across *all learning areas*. These collaborative decisions with families will identify highest impact adjustments, review schedule and ongoing communication across all parties within the bounds of our legislative requirements as a Queensland State School.



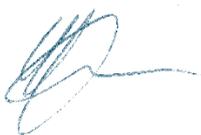
To assist you, our school will provide a Consent Form authorising our Guidance Officers to make contact with external medical providers to gain their professional insight. This can only enhance the development of our collaboratively designed supports for your child.

Where a student is ill or hospitalised and unable to attend school for 10 consecutive days or more (and the student is not participating in a hospital education program), an exemption from compulsory schooling will be considered to support that student to focus on their health.

We are having an online Medical Forum for parents/home tutors on Thursday 27 March at 3.00pm. This will consist of a 15-20 minute presentation by our Deputy Principal Lurelle Hodge, our HOSES Margaret Russell and our P-8 GO Tegan Rankine-Anderson. There will be a 10 minute Q&A session. The Medical Forum will be advertised on social media with a link for parents/home tutors to attend.

If you require further information, please contact your sector Deputy Principal on DeputyPrincipal@cairnssde.eq.edu.au

Yours sincerely,



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Principal

