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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 9th 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 COVID-19 vaccinations.

Our school will remain open for children of essential workers and vulnerable children during this period. Please notify the school on 07 5498 1777 or admin@mtkilcoyss.eq.edu.au to indicate whether you intend on sending your child to school during the first two weeks (not at all, some of the time, all of the time). If you need to send your child to school you must ensure that your child is well and not displaying any signs of illness.

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.

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 (including [frequently asked questions](#)) and can be accessed at <https://qed.qld.gov.au/covid19>.

Parents do not have to be vaccinated to come on site. We ask that you maintain social distancing, wear a mask, and check in using the QCode's available at the entrance of each building.

The school uniform shop will be open from 9:30 – 11:30am and school book packs can be dropped off at the same time.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Micah Payne', written in a cursive style.

Micah Payne
Principal