

Department of **Education**

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you may already be aware, Queensland Health has issued advice about the smoky and dusty conditions that are prevailing across many parts of the state.

This advice includes the recommendation that people stay indoors as much as possible and minimise their exposure to the poor air quality present in many communities.

At a school level, I can assure you that we are taking every precaution available to protect students from the poor air conditions, including keeping students indoors, cool and hydrated.

I also urge families to be aware of potential risks to children with respiratory issues due to significant smoke and dust in the air. If you have any concerns, please contact your local GP for advice and make decisions in the interests of your child's health.

Unless we notify you otherwise, we will maintain normal school operations during this time, with appropriate safety measures in place, including limiting any outdoor and physical activities that may impact student health.

Some helpful information for families is available at https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/after-a-disaster/bushfires/airborne-dust-and-health-effects.

Thank you for your awareness, and your understanding, as we respond to these current weather conditions.

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