



15 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Changes to Workplace Health and Safety  
YEAR 11/12 Agricultural Science (SATE)**

Each year, teachers from our Agricultural Science Department review Workplace Health and Safety practices to ensure the safety of all students participating in this practical area. The Department of Education has also reviewed the delivery of Curriculum in all schools and has assigned new risk levels for all activities offered in schools. All Curriculum Activities now are identified as either Low, Medium, High or Extreme Risk. To ensure the ongoing safety and wellbeing of students participating in Agricultural Science subjects the following changes have been made.

To ensure students are protected from accidental injury and exposure to a variety of environmental conditions, all students will be required to wear impervious upper shoes and a hat when undertaking practical activities. It is also mandatory for all students to wear any safety equipment deemed necessary by staff when undertaking practical activities.

In line with Department of Education recommendations, we are seeking your permission for your child to participate in activities that have been assigned a Medium to Extreme Risk. Within Year 11 and 12 Agricultural Science we have identified the following activities as being of medium to high risk (There are no extreme risk activities).

Medium Risk Activities	High Risk Activities	Extreme Risk Activities
Agricultural construction	Stock handling	Tractor driving
	Biological activities	Machinery operation
	Hand tools	Quad Bike Operation
	Chemical applications	

**Permission for each individual high or extreme risk activity is required.**

Further information regarding these changes may be found at the following website  
<http://education.qld.gov.au/health/safety/index.html>

Please complete the attached consent form and return to our Textbook Office by 22 February 2022.

If you do not wish your child to participate in these activities, as they are essential to the learning in the syllabus, he/she will be required to reconsider he/she subject selections for 2022.

If you have any questions regarding these changes please feel free to contact Matthew Huth (Subject Coordinator) or Kym Penman (Head of Department) on 46367500.

Regards

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