

# **Gumburu Environmental Education Centre**

## **COVID-19 Management Plan**

As COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease across Queensland, Gumburu Environmental Education Centre is working hard to maintain high standards in caring for our schools that continue to visit the centre. This includes the development of a COVID-19 Management Plan, an Outbreak Management Plan and a supporting Risk Assessment (found in the Risk Assessment Booklet at the Gumburu web site).

Gumburu management conducts an extensive induction on arrival of all groups at the commencement of camps including measures that are in place for the safety of all camp participants. Due to the increased requirement for supervision and cleaning, both Gumburu staff and the school's staff and volunteers are required to carry out a much larger and more frequent commitment to ensuring this throughout the duration of a camp.

### **Health Screening**

Schools visiting Gumburu will ensure that any participating students and adults will be free of COVID-19 like symptoms and will provide as additional informational, information to Gumburu a manifest of all camp participants including dormitory allocations. Gumburu staff will also abide by Queensland Health (Qld Health) guidelines pertaining to symptoms and symptom management.

### **Dormitories**

Students and adults are allocated dormitories by the visiting school's staff and they should not visit other dormitories throughout the duration of their stay. Dormitory supervisors will be required to monitor the use of hand sanitizer upon entering and leaving allocated dormitories in addition to wiping over all surfaces, taps, door knobs and light switches with cleaning hand towels and sanitizer provided. Information is on display in dormitories on preventative measures. This information will be clearly communicated.

### **Bathroom Area**

Students will be rostered during allocated shower times in their dormitory groups. In the shower areas, each student will disinfect the shower area after use with disinfectant and disposable cleaning wipes provided. Students will be educated and monitored to disinfect toilet seats before and after use with disinfectant. Information is on display in dormitories on preventative measures. Gumburu staff will regularly wipe down surfaces, hand rails, doorknobs, taps and light switches. Additional cleaning will be carried out in all communal areas.

### **Dining and Communal Areas**

Students will be brought through to the dining area in their dining groups whereby each person will use the provided hand sanitizer prior to being served their meal by Gumburu staff. This will be executed with the assistance of school staff or volunteers. Adults are to

maintain social distancing rules at all times and all diners are to use hand sanitizer at the end on their meals. Supervising adults and students will be required to wipe down dining tables and chairs with disinfectant at the end of each meal. School staff and volunteers will utilise cleaning supplies on all work areas in the Rainforest Room (dining area) after use. Gumburu staff will regularly wipe down surfaces, hand rails doorknobs, taps and light switches within this area

### **Transport**

Schools will be instructed to view transport company's COVID-19 Management Plan and ensure buses and surface touch points are cleaned according to COVID-19 cleaning and disinfection recommendations.

## **Outbreak Management Plan**

### **Persons Exhibiting Flu like Symptoms**

Camp participants exhibiting flu like symptoms will be transferred from the Gumburu site as soon as a guardian is able to collect the affected student for testing and self-isolation and the same will apply to adults. Once the student or adult displays symptoms, they should be isolated in the dormitory supervisor's room within their dormitory. The supervisor from that room is able to relocate to the loft in the Rainforest Room. The student or adult will use the staff bathroom facility and will be provided meals in their room. The schools staff will then utilize the Gumburu staff amenities.

As camps are for a short duration, it will be unknown within the camps timeframe whether the person will actually test positive to COVID-19, so the school group will have already departed Gumburu. Gumburu staff will carry out thorough cleaning of the facility prior to the next group.

If a person does test positive to COVID-19, Gumburu management supported by TCEO will be guided by instruction from QLD Health Public Health Unit and Gumburu camp bookings will be suspended. The school and Gumburu manifests of all students and adults attending camp and the log detailing any outside visitors/contractors will be presented to the Public Health Unit. Gumburu will support the Public Health Unit with all processes upon a positive case being identified.

Gumburu staff will complete a deep clean of the facility in line with Queensland Health's – Public Health Unit COVID-19 cleaning, disinfection and waste recommendations and then present themselves for COVID-19 testing and self-isolation until the test results are released.

Continued advice will be sought from the Public Health Unit.

### **Resources**

COVID-19 Operating guidelines for Queensland state schools - Effective 19 June 2020  
Queensland Health Information for boarding schools  
Queensland Health Protect yourself and others — coronavirus (COVID-19)  
Queensland Health COVID-19 cleaning, disinfection and waste recommendations