

ONLINE LEARNING AND ACCESS TO DEVICES

DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## Device access programs in Queensland

Device loan scheme in place.
Online learning encouraged.

## Public schools

The QLD Department of Education has required all students to study from home over Term 1, except for pupils in exceptional circumstances or those whose parent/s are essential workers. Over Term 2 2020, students will gradually re-integrate into face-to-face learning.[[1]](#footnote-1)

The Department has purchased additional devices for schools and is running a device loan scheme.[[2]](#footnote-2) Telstra has donated 5,000 SIM cards to the Department of Education to support families’ internet access needs.

## Private schools

Independent schools will be open for vulnerable students or children of essential workers.[[3]](#footnote-3) No public guidance on the provision of devices to students in Catholic or other independent schools.

## Where to find out more

### QLD Department of Education website

<https://qed.qld.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/novel-coronavirus>

1. <https://qed.qld.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/novel-coronavirus/frequently-asked-questions-for-parents> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/schools-charging-students-to-hire-laptops-for-homeschool/news-story/a974f0064e726cdff825d6a96110a6c1> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.isq.qld.edu.au/media-resources/independent-schools-rise-to-challenges-of-covid-19> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)