



**Non-State Schools
Accreditation Board**

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Dear Chairperson

I am writing to provide you with information regarding changes to *School Survey Data for Non-State Schools—Queensland 2022* (the 'Census') due to the revised formal start of the school year.

On 9 January 2022, the Premier of Queensland announced the Government policy decision to delay the formal start of the academic school year. The announced changes are required for state schools in Queensland.

All governing bodies are able to determine term dates and school holidays for the non-state schools they operate.

What does that mean for the 2022 Census?

The relevant day (the 'Census Day') is the last Friday of February of each year. In 2022 that date is Friday 25 February 2022.

The relevant period for the Census means the period starting on the first day that students are to attend school in a calendar year and ending on Census Day.

For the purposes of the 2022 Census, the Board is setting a fixed date for the commencement of the relevant period of Monday 31 January 2022, so that current Census rules can be applied consistently for all schools.

This means that the relevant period in 2022 for all non-state schools will be the 20 days from Monday 31 January 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022.

The initial five days from 31 January 2022 to 4 February 2022 (the 'initial five days') will be counted as attendance for the purposes of the Census for all students regardless of whether students are:

- not at school due to the school not providing education;
- at school for supervision as they are vulnerable or their parents are essential workers unable to work from home; or
- undertaking remote learning.

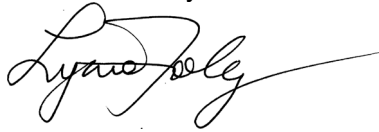
To be clear, all full-time students will need to attend for at least six days between 7 February 2022 and 25 February 2022 to be eligible for inclusion in the Census, unless the absence is beyond the control of the parent, guardian or student (if living independently).

More detailed information regarding the completion of the Census form and the submission process will be provided in the 2022 Census letter and Instructions on 1 February 2022.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne Foley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lynne Foley OAM
Chairperson