



Message from the CEO – Bernice Smith

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Goldbridge Rehabilitation Services (Goldbridge) is based in Southport on the Gold Coast, Queensland. Goldbridge, along with other organisations, is facing a unique situation with delivering services while we are final stages of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Goldbridge has incorporated changes into all our programs to help slow the impact of this virus.

It is great that we have been able to return to normal programming with outings and family visits. Please read up on these activities via our new website under the news section page. There is also lots of information on our website about the residential program and our services.

Goldbridge will continue to adjust our program delivery re COVID-19 as required. Please see update below:

- On the 15th of May 2023, the World Health Organisation announced that COVID-19 is no longer a global health emergency. This is welcome news, however, we will continue to be vigilant with hygiene practices etc. as there are still many cases in Australia every week.
- On the 23rd June 2023, Queensland Health announced that their Traffic Light system for addressing COVID-19 is no longer in use and that COVID-19 will now be monitored as part of their broader surveillance of acute respiratory illness.
- All staff, volunteers, students, visitors and clients no longer need to wear masks at any Goldbridge facility unless they have flu like symptoms.
- When COVID-19 is in residential program areas the following may apply:
 - Family visits to be supported via zoom sessions with extra phone calls during the week.
 - Residents who test positive to isolate in one of our two Isolation units on-site for a required period.
 - Other program activities will be adjusted for the required period.
 - Regular RAT testing to be undertaken.
- Hand sanitiser to be used on entry to all facilities and social distancing to be maintained wherever possible.

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Goldbridge acknowledges and pays respect to the traditional Aboriginal people of the Gold Coast and their descendants. We also acknowledge the many Aboriginal people from other regions as well as Torres Strait and South Sea Islander people who now live in the local area and have made an important contribution to the community.

The Goldbridge Management Committee, staff team and volunteers are committed to upholding the Mission, Vision and Values of Goldbridge. If you or someone you know is interested in entering the program, please phone 5503 1255 or visit our website

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