**Relocation of Mater Children’s Private Brisbane**

Dear Colleagues,

As discussed with many of you last evening, we are approaching the peak of Queensland’s third COVID wave and as such it is essential that Mater has a sufficient number of suitable dedicated beds to care for those patients with COVID-19 across our South Brisbane campus.

In order to facilitate this we have made the decision to relocate **Mater Children’s Private Brisbane** from Level 7 to Level 8 of the Salmon Building from Wednesday 13 July. (Please note that the Paediatric Day Unit on Level 5 of the Salmon Building will be unaffected by these changes).

This will enable a second COVID-19 ward to open on Level 7 for both public and private Mater patients, significantly increasing our COVID-19 bed capacity as cases increase.

The relocation of Mater Children’s Private Brisbane to Level 8 will now be permanent. This is to avoid any potential further disruption to the paediatric service in the future.

We recognise and understand the disruption that these changes cause to you, your patients and their families and thank you for your support as we quickly implement this move.

Finally, I want to assure you that we are committed to the Mater Children’s Private service and as such will work together to ensure that your new home on Level 8 is a fun and family-friendly environment to care for our paediatric patients.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

**Paul Darcy**
Chief Operating Officer - Mater Private Hospitals Brisbane and Redland