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COVID UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to thank our families for the wonderful support of the roll out of the Rapid Antigen Home Tests. The NSW Government believes the testing process is a key component in managing the spread of COVID-19 within a school setting. It is important that staff and students continue testing over the next week and follow the reporting and isolation protocols associated with a positive test result. I will inform families of any extension of the testing protocols once the advice is received from NSW Health.

Our school has been advised that members of our school community have recently tested positive to COVID-19. The majority of these students have been in isolation and not returned to school from the start of this week. A student in Year 10 attended school on Tuesday and subsequently tested positive on Wednesday morning and therefore did not attend school on that day commencing his isolation period. Staff who worked with this group and students in Year 10 may therefore have had contact with a person who was infectious with COVID-19 while at school.

[NSW Health has provided advice on testing and isolation recommendations for the community following exposure to COVID-19](#) that should be considered when making decisions for your child and family.

You are reminded that staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

If symptoms occur at any time, your son should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test. If a rapid antigen test is positive you/your child should isolate as [someone who has tested positive to COVID-19](#). If you cannot access a rapid antigen test, you can attend a PCR (nose and throat swab) testing clinic.

Advice and further resources are available on the NSW Health website including COVID-19 guidelines and fact sheets for [People who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19](#). Additional resources are also available on the [NSW Government](#) website.

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students are always paramount. As such, we will continue to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

Yours sincerely

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