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## **COVID UPDATE**

Dear Parents and Carers

Students received their second round of Rapid Antigen Home Test Kits yesterday, with enough supply for the next two weeks. I encourage families to continue to support this important protocol, informing both the College and NSW Government Health of a positive test result.

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 this week. Two students in Year 10 and three students in Year 7 attended school the days prior to testing positive and are now in isolation. Staff who worked with these year groups group and students in Year 7 and 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 <u>someone who has tested positive to COVID-19</u>. 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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