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Rapid Antigen Home Testing Update

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to inform families that we have received notification that the Rapid Antigen Home Testing Protocol (RAHT) will continue for a further two weeks and that we have received a second supply of testing kits for distribution. The guidelines for distribution have been amended to allow us to send home the test kits with students this week, so that testing can continue for the next two weeks without delay.

On Thursday afternoon all students will receive a further four test kits to bring home which will be labelled with their name and Year group. I ask families to ensure that these kits do arrive home and continue testing on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

If your son is away from school on Thursday, he will be able to collect his RAHT's from his Pastoral Leader on his return. If your son has already contracted the virus and has been in isolation, he is not required to complete the RAHT for twenty-eight days after the final day of isolation.

I thank families for your support with this protocol and provide an important reminder that the testing regime is a precautionary measure. The test results are sometimes inaccurate, can lag in detection time and rely on being correctly administered. It is important that families carefully monitor their sons for signs and symptoms and do not send their son to school if either they test positive or are displaying signs and symptoms.

Also, a further reminder of the need to notify the College of a positive test result via the link on the College Website at <https://www.stedwards.nsw.edu.au/> and to email the College office via info@stedwards.nsw.edu.au indicating their son's name, year group and the dates of absence so the absence can be recorded.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 4321 6400 or via email at principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,

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