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Rapid Antigen Home Testing Update

Dear Year 9 Parents and Carers

I write to inform families that we have received a further round of Rapid Antigen Home Test Kits for distribution to students. On Friday all students will receive a further four test kits to bring home which will be labelled with their name and Year group. The Rapid Antigen Home Testing Protocol (RAHT) will continue for the remainder of the term following the more relaxed application, whereby only students and staff who are displaying symptoms will be required to test. ***The only exception to this guideline is for Year 9 students who are required to record a negative result on the morning of Wednesday March 23, the first day of the Year 9 Camp.***

Testing on the morning of this camp is an important safety measure in mitigating the risk of infection. Parents are reminded that if your son displays any signs and symptoms, even if his test result is negative, he is to remain at home and not attend the camp. If a student presents at school on the morning of the camp with symptoms he will not be allowed to attend and will be sent home. If a student develops symptoms while on the camp, he will be isolated from the group and parents contacted so that we can arrange for him to return home.

If your son is away from school on Friday, 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.

A further reminder also 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/>.

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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