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COVID Update Term, 4 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

On September 30 the National Cabinet announced that from Friday October 14, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate. With the lifting of this Public Health Order, NSW Health has advised that schools can continue to determine their own school-based requirements based on their own assessment of risk. The College will therefore adopt the following protocols to manage COVID-19 throughout Term 4.

1. Students who test positive to COVID-19

Parents continue to be required to notify the College via the [Covid Online Reporting Form](#) if their son tests positive. Students are not to return to school until they are symptom free. We strongly urge parents and carers to monitor their sons for symptoms and follow this requirement for the safety and well-being of all members of our community. While we will continue to implement COVID-19 safe measures, in such a large community the possibility for transmission to others is increased. Household contacts are no longer required to be notified to the College.

2. Continued Safety Measures

We will continue to provide sanitising stations and encourage students to use them. The increased daily cleaning regime will continue throughout this term. Students are welcome to wear a mask if they have concerns about the risk of infection.

3. RAHTs

We have received additional supplies of RAHTs from NSW Health and will continue to distribute these throughout the term.

4. Additional recommendations by NSW Health

NSW Health strongly recommends that any student or staff member who tests positive to COVID-19 follow the advice outlined in the [NSW Health Testing Positive to COVID-19 Fact Sheet](#) which recommends:

- do not visit people at high risk of severe illness, anyone in hospital or an aged or disability care facility for at least 7 days
- wear a mask when indoors and on public transport, if they must leave home
- avoid large gatherings and indoor crowded places
- talk to the school about when they should return to school
- tell people that they live with, or spend a lot of time with (such as the school), that they have COVID-19
- try to separate from people they live with as much as possible
- register their positive rapid antigen test result with Service NSW.

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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