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Dear school community,

Our school continues to be advised of members of our community who have tested positive to COVID-19. We have become increasingly concerned about the growing numbers of COVID positive students in Years 7-12 in our Special Education and Mainstream settings as well as the growing number of COVID positive staff.

As a result, it is becoming more likely that students and staff may have had contact with persons who are infectious with COVID-19. ***Please carefully monitor for symptoms.***

We thank our staff, students and families for the diligence being applied to Rapid Antigen testing when symptomatic and for letting us know of positive results.

While testing and isolation is no longer mandatory for exposures in schools following exposure to COVID-19, [we advise that you continue to undertake Rapid Antigen testing if symptomatic.](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/people-exposed-to-covid) Please use this link for further information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/people-exposed-to-covid>

You are reminded that staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, even if very mild. 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, you should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test. If a rapid antigen test is positive your child should isolate, along with all household members for 7 days and only return to school when symptoms have gone. If you cannot access a rapid antigen test, you can attend a PCR (nose and throat swab) testing clinic. Please inform us of the positive result.

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](#)External link. Additional resources are also available on the [NSW Government](#)External link website.

We have RAT kits available if needed. Please contact our front office on 96077766 and they will arrange this for you.

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.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.