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RE: Term 2 Covid-19 Update

Dear parents and carers

I hope you and your families enjoyed a wonderful break over the school holidays.

The Victorian Government has announced some important changes to COVIDSafe measures for schools that will apply from the start of Term 2.

Face masks

From 11:59 pm Friday 22 April, face masks, while recommended, are not required in any school setting. Any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask may do so, including those who are medically at-risk.

Screening requirements

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19, and have completed their 7-day isolation period, now do not need to undertake rapid antigen test (RAT) screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. This was previously 8 weeks.

Household contacts

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. They may return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period. If you are in this situation, and you require additional RAT tests for this to occur please contact the college and we will attempt to assist you.

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are also required to notify the school that they are a household contact.

Students aged 8 years and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks (during their 7- day period) when indoors at school unless they have a valid exemption.

If a student household contact returns a positive RAT result, they must isolate for 7 days.

Vaccination requirements for visitors to schools

Parents, carers and other adult visitors (not performing work) are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

RAT screening program reminder

RATs will continue to be supplied for the first 4 weeks of Term 2 to support the early detection of COVID-19 in our school.

The first of these tests arrived at the college and are now ready to be distributed. We will distribute all tests using the same process as we did last time.

All tests will be distributed directly to your students, at school on Wednesday 27 April.

At this stage, each student will once again receive one pack each. Each pack contains 5 individual tests which is sufficient for Weeks 1 & 2 of this term.

Students will do the tests at home and must report any positive test results to their school.

If students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system ([Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria](#)) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

Students (or their parents) must also report a positive result to their school, either through the VicEd COVID [portal](#) or by phone or written notification; this is so the school can support them, record that they will be absent while in 7-day isolation, and let the rest of the school community know there has been a positive case onsite (please note that the individual details will not be mentioned) and that families should monitor for symptoms.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school safe. Also do feel free to contact the College to clarify any concerns you may have. If you require assistance at any stage, please contact us.

Yours sincerely,



John Mitsinikos

College Principal