

9th November 2021.

Dear Parents and Carers,



COVID-19 Safety Arrangements:

Possible Impact of COVID cases:

It is **critical** that you advise us of any impact to your family regarding COVID 19, such as:

- Your child or someone in your home is a close contact and being tested,
- You have been advised to isolate,
- You or your child is being tested. Once a negative result is received, it must be emailed to the school before you child can attend.
- Or, **most importantly**, your child or you have tested positive. It is **vitaly important** that you report to me if your child or any family members within your home test positive to COVID-19.

I am required to report all of these cases to the Department's Emergency line for advice, directions and any necessary contact tracing. To this end, each class is its own 'bubble' and we have advised staff there is to be no mixing of classes when inside the buildings. If we receive a confirmed case, we may be directed to communicate to the close contacts and advise them to be tested and isolate. In certain cases, we may be required to lockdown the school for 24 hours for cleaning. At times, this information may come late at night. We will advise you through email and SMS. While we have COVID safety conditions in place, this is a possibility of which we must all be aware. However, the Department works closely with the school and DHHS to manage and respond to reported cases.

Therefore, if your child is unwell, please keep them at home and seek medical advice. If they are at school and displaying cold-like symptoms or have a high temperature, they will be sent to the sick bay and parents will be called. You must collect your child within half an hour and have them assessed by medical practitioner or have a COVID test and provide evidence of a negative result before returning to school.

COVID Safety Arrangements: We have in place a number of strategies to ensure on-site safety. Hand sanitizer is in each classroom and specialist area. Students are asked to use this each time they come into the classroom, whether this is first thing in the morning or after recesses. Years 3 to 6 students are wearing masks in the classroom and teachers also unless direct teaching. Brief face mask breaks are allowed for staff and students during the day. We have minimised the amount of adults on-site with only years Prep to 2 dropping at doorways. Cleaners are required to disinfect high touch areas and tables daily.

Improved Ventilation: Windows or doors are open to support ventilation. Once we receive air purifiers from the Department, these will be in operation as well. Air conditioners can be used for thermal control if required, in combination with other ventilation strategies. We are also encouraging our staff to do as much outdoor teaching as possible. To this end, I have applied for 'Sails Grant' to create another shaded outdoor learning space.

Kind Regards,
Julie Gleeson.
Principal.