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## **COVID-19 Protocols and School Procedure Reminders**

## Dear Parents/Carers

It's been wonderful welcoming the students back to a new school year. The staff and I are so thrilled to see all the students' smiling faces and have them return to face-to-face teaching.

I'd like to communicate a few important reminders and to clarify the guidelines should your child get sick or be a close contact.

Please test your child using the RAT kits every Tuesday and Thursday morning. You do not need to provide evidence of negative tests to the school but you must notify the school of any positive results.

If your child is not attending school on any given day, you are required to register the absence as usual on the Skoolbag App or email the school indicating whether your child is sick, sick with COVID-19 or a close contact.

When your child is sick, the school will not be providing learning from home. They should rest and recover.

If your child is a household contact and is isolating, please support your child by accessing the digital learning packages provided by the school. A visual explaining the process is attached for your information.

It is recommended that staff and students who return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen test surveillance for 28 days (four weeks after recovery) following release from self-isolation. This is due to NSW Health advice that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 28 days. After 28 days (from week five after recovery) staff and students may resume participation in RAT surveillance.

As you would be aware, Term 1 will once again pose challenges around the certainty of the events and we appreciate your support and patience as we navigate the upcoming weeks.

Please also find attached a letter from the NSW Premier, Mr Dominic Perrottet.

Yours Sincerely,

M. Marchiello

Principal

## **Flowchart of Guidelines**

Student with a positive result



Parent notifies school via Skoolbag or email



Parent notifies NSW Health



Follow advice of NSW Health regarding isolation



Student to rest and recover



Parent to provide the school with a copy of the clearance SMS or email from NSW Health



Student can return to Student as a close contact



Parent notifies school via Skoolbag or email



Follow advice of NSW Health regarding isolation



Student to access learning from home packages



Parent to provide the school with a copy of the clearance SMS or email from NSW



Student can return to