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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

Dear Parents,

## **RE: CHANGES TO RAT TESTING ADVICE IN SCHOOLS**

I am writing to let you know about changes to the provision of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) in our school for the remainder of Term 2.

RATs will continue to be distributed to you as they have been throughout this school year for the remainder of this term. However, from Monday 23 May 2022, students will no longer be recommended to undertake twice weekly RATs in mainstream schools.

RATs will continue to be required by students who are household contacts to attend school (5 negative tests over a 7 day period), or when they have symptoms.

The ongoing supply of RATs to families in our school will ensure that parents and carers will have them should they need them if their child is a household contact or has symptoms. We will be sending more tests home with the students this week. Please let the school know if you do not wish to receive any further tests.

Families must continue to notify the Department of Health and the school if their child returns a positive RAT result, as per the advice below.

- Notify the school by phone and through the [RA Test Portal](#); 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 and that everyone should monitor for symptoms.
- Notify the Department of Health via the [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#) or call centre on [1800 675 398](tel:1800675398).

All students and staff who return a positive result from a rapid antigen test should also follow the latest advice at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests>

Additionally, families should also inform the school in the instance where a student is a household contact.

I wish to thank our school community for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Cox

Principal