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Dear Parents,

## **UPDATE ON COVID-19 MEASURES FOR TERM 3**

Welcome to Term 3 - it has been terrific to see the students' smiling faces over the last couple of days! I am writing to you to provide an update on Covid-19 measures as we begin the new school term.

### **Rapid Antigen Testing**

RATs will continue to be available for our families in Terms 3 and 4. Whilst there is no longer the requirement for students and staff to conduct twice-a-week testing, RATs continue to be required by students who are household contacts in order for them to attend school (5 negative tests over a 7 day period); and for those who 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. When our school receives its supply of RATs, we will send them home with the students. Please let the school know if you do not wish to receive any further tests.

A reminder that 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.

### **Face Masks**

The Victorian Government has updated its advice about wearing face masks in indoor settings, including at school.

Wearing a face mask can help protect you, your child/ren and those around you. Face masks stop droplets spreading when people talk, cough, sneeze and laugh, which lowers the chance of spreading or catching the virus. This information is especially important for those who are medically at risk.

The Victorian government's advice recommends people over 8 years of age wear a face mask in indoor settings, except for close contacts, who must wear a mask indoors unless an exception applies. If you wish your child to wear a mask at school, and/or they themselves wish to wear a mask, we will ensure they are supported to do that.

For more information about face mask requirements, visit the [Coronavirus website](#).

### **Unwell Students**

It remains important that unwell students stay home. This is particularly important given the impact that flu and colds have had on many schools, including creating staffing shortages.

I wish to thank our school community for your continued support and look forward to a successful term of teaching and learning ahead.

Yours sincerely,



Jason Cox

Principal