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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The situation in relation to COVID-19 at the school is a fluid and fast moving one. We have unfortunately now had confirmation that four staff at the school on Monday have tested positive. All four teachers are teachers at the Maddingley Senior/Middle School. Unfortunately, some of the recently infected staff have been in direct contact with students. **The earlier advice that all students should stay at home and isolate still applies and we will update you with further advice as we are provided it.** We currently have a significant number of staff tests back but given the size of the school we are still obviously waiting on a number from yesterday. Given the nature of the outbreak the whole of the Maddingley Campus has been designated a Tier One site. **Those students who have been deemed to be in close contact with the teachers involved will be contacted directly by the Department.** We will also endeavour where we are able, to provide directly impacted students with as much information as possible.

It is our intention to commence on-line learning on Monday. The form that will take given the size of the outbreak is currently being considered and there will be further communication in relation to that as soon as it is formulated. There will be no on-site learning for essential workers as the school is currently subject to a public health closure notice.

I would urge anyone in the community who is showing symptoms to get tested and I reiterate the need at this stage for all students to remain in isolation at home. This is an enormously anxious time for the whole community. To a certain extent we are going to cope with this situation best by accepting the constraints we now face, understanding that information may be a little slower than we would like and accept that there are a team of people at school and the DHHS that are working to make the best of the situation for everyone. I hope that you remain well.

Kind regards,

Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal