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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A few points:

- 1) The number of teachers testing positive is now 5 in total. At present they are doing as well as can be expected with some flu like symptoms. Some of those teachers have been in contact with students. DHHS will be in contact with you if your child has been in close contact with the teacher. I would again urge you and any member of your family to get tested if you have any symptoms.
- 2) Parents of Maddingley students may have received messaging saying that they are a primary contact and must get tested and isolate. **The message is in this context referring to your children.** I apologise for any confusion here but giving your contact details enabled the process to occur more quickly than if we waited and streamlined lists. At present, speed is of the essence and I would ask you to forgive any issues around the edges; the aim is to get people who need to be tested to do so as quickly as possible.
- 3) Online learning will commence on Monday using the same process that we have used before as this is what we are all familiar with. This method is, however, not sustainable in the situation where we have no staff on campus and virtually the whole staff and many of their families in isolation. We are currently refining the model to make it more sustainable for both for staff and children over the two-week period that it will be required to operate. It will be different than what we offered in previous lockdowns but will still provide meaningful learning.
- 4) I must state that whilst low, there is now an increased possibility of transfer of COVID to students. If this occurs, it would be helpful for the control of the spread for an indication of a positive result to be emailed to the [school@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:school@bmg.vic.edu.au)
- 5) I have received queries about why the Woodlea Campus is also being closed at this stage. On Monday staff from both Campuses were at Maddingley, they are therefore judged as primary contacts and have been instructed to isolate for 14 days. There are therefore no staff at this stage to conduct face to face learning. There is little likelihood that this situation will change. I again apologise for the inconvenience, however, the primary consideration at present is the well-being of the school and the broader community. At this stage Woodlea students have been asked by DHHS to stop & stay, any queries on whether this applies to family members should be directed to the COVID hotline on 1300 651 160.

I understand that these are anxious times for all members of the community, I again thank you for your patience and ask that that continues over the next fortnight. We are having difficulties ensuring that the technology delivers communication quickly and consistently. We are therefore putting any items like this also on the website and the myBMG Parent Portal. We will remain in contact as the situation develops.

Kind regards,

Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal