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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your families remain well at this stage. The current situation is that there are seven staff and two students who have tested positive as of yesterday evening. At this stage we have received no notification of additional cases overnight and those who have tested positive are doing well. All of our thoughts are with them.

I am alerting you to an important communication from **DHHS** which will be placed on our Facebook Page, MyBMG Portal and Website:

<https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/assets/uploads/2021/07/17-July-2021-Bacchus-Marsh-Grammar-DHHS-letter.pdf>

At present the following are critical:

- 1) All students and their families **AT BOTH CAMPUSES (MADDINGLEY and WOODLEA)** are required to isolate, the letter from DHHS explains why this is the case.
- 2) Maddingley students need to get tested, if they have not already done so I would ask that you do not rush to the centres and clog them up, but do so over the next 48 hours. The priority groups for testing are Maddingley Senior students (9-12) and then Maddingley Middle School Students (5-8) and any student who has symptoms.
- 3) We will communicate about online learning later today. My message to parents is that staff will be doing their best for your children in much more trying circumstances. There are likely to be more glitches which are going to be slower to fix. I ask for your patience and understanding. The model of online learning is also to be modified in the next few days to make it more sustainable.

This is a difficult and anxious time for everyone in the community. I am sure that you are tired and somewhat over it like all of us; however, surviving it is going to be made more bearable by an acceptance of what is and patience and consideration for all. We have done that magnificently well so far and I am sure we can do it again.

I hope you remain well.

Kind regards,

Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal