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MADDINGLEY CAMPUS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

There were two more students who were found to be positive for COVID overnight yesterday. No further staff have been found to be positive. This gives a current tally of seven staff, four students and two close household members who have tested positive. I would ask that you continue to have those who tested positive in your thoughts.

SMS Contact DHHS

Please do not be alarmed if you received an additional retrospective SMS from DHHS. We have negotiated with DHHS to provide the contact to facilitate parents who are listed as BMG's Contact 2 having proof of the need to isolate when applying for State and Federal Financial Assistance.

Testing

I understand that many of you are frustrated by what you feel are mixed messages about what you need to do to meet your quarantine and isolation requirements. We have asked for a definitive statement from the team who have carriage for BMG through this crisis. The arrangements that have been made for the school are in bold below. Please follow this statement as the definitive advice:

It is important that you have your day 13 test on day 13 or later. If your last day of exposure to a case of COVID-19 on the Maddingley Campus is:

Monday the 12th of July. You may have your day 13 test on Sunday the 25th of July.

Tuesday the 13th of July. You may have your day 13 test on Monday the 26th of July.

Wednesday the 14th of July. You may have your day 13 test on Tuesday the 27th of July.

If you have been exposed to COVID-19 at any other place your day 13 date may be different and you should follow individual advice from the Department of Health.

If there are people within your household with different exposure dates you may choose for the household to be tested on the latest day 13 date, as all members of your household will be required to remain in quarantine until all people are cleared.

If you are being tested on the 25th or the 26th July please proceed to a testing centre as usual. If you are being tested on the 27th July, the Department of Health is increasing testing capacity at nearby testing sites on that day and you will be directed (not mandated) to a particular site to ease overcrowding and reduce wait times. Further information will be available in coming days.

After testing day 13, you are required to complete your 14 days of quarantine which ends at midnight at the end of day 14. Once your day 13 test result has been received by the Department of Health you will be called to assess for release and be advised if you can be released at the end of Day 14. You will later receive an email confirming this.

If you were on the Maddingley Campus at any stage between the 12-14 of July you must be tested on Day 13. Household members who are not close contacts of the school, but who are required to quarantine due to their household members being close contacts are not required to be tested, but may request to be tested. Anyone with symptoms should be tested at any time.

There is no requirement for anyone who tests negative on Day 13 who has been in quarantine at home and has been cleared to test again on Day 17.

Arrangements For The Coming Week

A separate email will be sent out in next few days outlining arrangements for the coming Week. At this stage **Tuesday 27 July will be a screen free day** with work set for students to go on if they are able, as that will be a significant Day 13 testing day for many staff and students.

Thank you again for your patience and kind messages during this difficult week. Please get tested if anyone in your household has symptoms and stay well.

Kind regards,

Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal