

Dear parents, carers and staff,

Our school has been advised an additional 3 confirmed COVID-19 case attended our school on **Monday 22 and/or Tuesday 23 November** in the **Grade 56 area**.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

To be on the safe side, our school will be **CLOSED** on **Friday 26 November**.

Why are we closing the school?

The reason is to identify students or staff who were at the school on **Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 November** and may have had contact with the case.

When that review is finished, we will let you know if you or your child has been identified as an education contact.

WHAT IF A STUDENT OR STAFF IS IDENTIFIED AS AN EDUCATION CONTACT?

Education contacts will be required to get an immediate standard PCR test upon being identified. If the test returns a negative result, the student can return to school, with evidence of the negative result provided to the school.

The student or staff member is strongly recommended to undertake a rapid antigen test each day before school, until they have used up their pack of five rapid antigen tests provided to them. This is to ensure our school remains safe and that likely positive COVID-19 cases are identified as early as possible.

Testing kits are available from testing centres and will be given to students after their standard PCR test.

In exceptional circumstances the Department of Health may determine education contacts in significant school outbreaks are still required to quarantine for seven days. In this scenario, education contacts will be notified directly of any additional quarantine arrangements.

Financial assistance is available

If your child is required to be tested, you may be able to access the **\$450 COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment**.

For more information go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Further information for languages other than English

- For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on **131 450**.
- Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret.
- For health advice in languages other than English, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19

General advice and support

For general advice and support please call the Department of Education and Training COVID-19 hotline.

The number is **1800 338 663**.

It is available 8.30am to 5pm Monday through Friday, and 10am to 3pm Saturday and Sunday.

If you are concerned you have COVID-19 you can call the DH COVID-19 hotline on **1800 675 398**, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Kind regards,

Roma McKinnon
ACTING PRINCIPAL