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COVID-19 Update

Dear parents and carers

A big thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting our school and students during the pandemic – especially prioritising safety and learning.

The Premier and Minister for Education have announced changes to school settings for the remainder of Term 1. These updated settings were developed in close consultation with NSW Health and key stakeholders to ensure we continue to keep our schools open for learning, while keeping up with changing community settings.

The updated settings include:

- We will continue the use of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for twice-weekly testing of students and staff until Friday 25 February.
- From Monday 28 February, we will move to symptomatic testing. Tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is symptomatic or there are cases in their class. Our school will provide each student and staff member with additional RATs in the coming week.
- Beyond that, students and staff can access PCR tests or buy their own rapid antigen tests as these are now readily available and accessible in the community.
- Masks will continue to be required indoors for all school staff, volunteers and visitors including parents and carers in primary schools until Friday 4 March. This means that from Monday 7 March, masks will no longer be mandatory for all staff. However, those who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so.
- **FOR WORKERS SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY** – In line with community settings, workers who support our students with disability in SSPs, support units and some mainstream classrooms will be required to wear masks while working with students.
- From Monday 28 February, visitors can be allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. **Our school will consider activities such as assemblies, parent-teacher meetings and other gatherings in the coming days. We will proceed with these activities at our school in a COVID-smart way.** All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process.

Our school will continue to ensure our layered COVID-smart measures are in place, including vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation in learning spaces, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.

A reminder that your child may receive a rapid antigen testing kit in the coming weeks. Instructions are included in the kits detailing how to use the tests, check the results and dispose of the tests safely. You can also download the instructions through the [Therapeutic Goods Administration \(TGA\)External link](#) website. The user guides will also contain a contact number for the suppliers if you need additional support.

Cohort Mixing

As of Monday 28 February, students will no longer be required to be kept in year groups or other cohorts, however we will continue to use staggered finish times. Details of any time changes for afternoon dismissal will be outlined separately. We will continue to use the core layered COVID-smart measures for minimising risk when planning activities and events.

We strongly encourage our students and their families to consider vaccination including boosters when eligible. [Find a vaccination clinicExternal link](#) to book an appointment near you.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

Kind Regards,

Anissa Rajendra