

Covid-19 Bulletin 2 2022

Notification of Positive Cases and advice at St Pius X College
Term 1 Weeks 1-4 2022 2 February 2022

The school year has commenced well, and I thank parents, students and staff for their continued vigilance with the COVID-19 health and hygiene protocols at the College.

Through the first 2 days of this week, the College has been advised by parents that there is a small number of students in each Year level (Year 5-12) who have tested positive to COVID-19. The majority of these students tested positive before returning to school for Term 1. In only a minimal number of cases, a student has been present at school on Monday or Tuesday and has since tested positive to COVID-19.

Parents and students are asked to keep monitoring for symptoms and follow all health advice.

While testing and isolation is no longer mandatory for exposures in school settings, NSW Health has provided <u>advice on testing and isolation recommendations for the community following exposure to COVID-19</u> that should be considered when making decisions for your child and family.

You are reminded that staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

If symptoms occur at any time, students and staff should undertake a Rapid Antigen Test and should not attend school. If a Rapid Antigen Test is positive you/your child must isolate as <u>someone who has</u> <u>tested positive to COVID-19</u>. If you cannot access a Rapid Antigen Test, you can attend a PCR (nose and throat swab) testing clinic.

Advice and further resources are available on the NSW Health website including COVID-19 guidelines and fact sheets for <u>People who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19</u>. Additional resources are also available on the <u>NSW Government</u> website.

Any positive results must be registered on the Service NSW App and the College must be notified immediately through studentmanagement@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au

A reminder that if anyone in your household tests positive, then your son will need to isolate for 7 days before coming back to school irrespective on negative RAT results.

All students should undertake the second Rapid Antigen Test supplied last week on Wednesday night or Thursday morning before arriving at school on Thursday morning.

The College has distributed all students and staff with Rapid Antigen Tests for Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 1. We will advise the College community when the NSW Government provide the additional tests for Weeks 3-5 and they will be provided to parents once these arrive at the College.

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students is paramount at all times. As such, we will continue to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

I thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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