



# COVID-19 Bulletin 4 2022

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## **THANK YOU TO ST PIUS X COLLEGE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF**

I thank all students, parents and staff for their continued adherence to the COVID-19 policies and protocols as set down by the NSW Government.

At St Pius X College, the number of students who have been away with a positive COVID-19 test result has remained steady with the maximum number of students on any single day being 53 students across Years 5-12. This represents approximately 4.58% of the student population on the highest day.

Starting this new week, on Monday 21 February, 38 students were away as testing positive representing 3.3% of the student population.

The NSW Government has announced revised protocols and following are some of the changes affecting education.

### **RAPID ANITGEN TESTS (RAHT kits)**

At St Pius X College, all students and staff have one more test available from the previous distribution and this should be taken before school this coming Thursday morning 24 February.

#### ***Allocation of further RAHT kits***

All schools have been advised that every student and staff member will be provided with a further 8 tests to be used at the discretion of parents for their children and for staff. We have received a delivery of RAHT tests that is enough for us to distribute a pack of 5 tests for every student and staff member. A further delivery will be provided to the school into the future and we will distribute these once they have been received.

The pack of 5 tests will be distributed this Wednesday to all students to take home on Wednesday afternoon.

These additional test kits are for families and staff members to use at their discretion when they consider it necessary for their own peace of mind, for example, when a student or staff member is symptomatic, if there are cases in their class or if family members are sick.

Any positive test results must be registered on the Service NSW APP and the school must be notified.

NSW Health advice is that once a person who has tested positive has finished their isolation, they do not need to self-isolate or undertake testing (RAHT or PCR) for 28 days unless symptoms reappear even if another member of their household subsequently tests positive. Following these 28 days individuals are then subject to the usual testing and isolation requirements.

### **MASKS**

At this stage, we have had confirmation that the NSW Cabinet decision that masks are required in indoor school settings for staff and Secondary students, as well as being strongly encouraged for primary students, continues to apply at least until Friday 25 February.

Any information about future changes to requirements to wear masks in schools will be advised as soon as it is known.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

The NSW Education Minister is expected to make further announcements regarding masks, 'cohorting' and other provisions for schools later this week. As details emerge, the College will keep parents, students and staff informed.

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