



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

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As many of you have seen, the NSW Government announced changes to the Public Health Order (PHO) at the end of last week to the school regulations for COVID-19. Below is a summary of the relevant details for the information of parents, students and staff of St Pius X College:

CLOSE CONTACTS AND ISOLATION

- Student and staff close contacts (household members) are **no longer required to isolate** and can attend school if they fulfill the following requirements:
 - Notify the school.
 - Conduct a **daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.**
 - **Wear a mask indoors** except when eating or exercising (mandatory staff and secondary, recommended primary students).
 - Not permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
 - Not permitted to attend settings identified as high risk by NSW Health (healthcare, aged care, disability care or correctional facilities).
- The announcement that the PHO requiring vaccination of those in the education sector will not be renewed beyond 13 May:
 - there has been no change to College's position at this time.
 - staff, volunteers and providers are still required to be double vaccinated.

RAPID ANTIGEN TEST KITS (RATs)

The College has been advised that we will be receiving more RATs for each student within the next week. When these arrive, we will send them home. It is most likely that this will be the final allocation to schools of RAT kits for distribution.

Parents are asked to be alert to the College APP as we will advise when these are distributed.

MASKS

- Masks are not mandatory in schools but **if a student, staff member or parent is a close contact (household member) they must wear a mask indoors.**
- It is **mandatory to wear a mask on all public transport** and on school buses.
- Anyone who wishes to wear a mask at school is encouraged to do so.

HYGIENE AND CLEANING

- The College continues to encourage high standards of hygiene for all students, staff and visitors including regular hand washing and hand sanitising.
- The day cleaner continues at the College targeting high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. Enhanced daily toilet cleaning continues to be in place.