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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, the NSW Department of Education emailed all schools with updated advice regarding COVID-19 restrictions in schools that are to commence from Wednesday 19th August 2020.

Please note, this is a constantly evolving situation. This advice may change in a few more days or weeks. As the advice changes and affects the school community, we will keep you informed.

The key messages from the latest NSW Department of Education COVID-19 update are:

- 1. If a student has been absent due to flu like illness or develops flu like symptoms while at school, they are not to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom free.** When communicating with the school (text or email), if you indicate that your child has flu like symptoms, your child will not be able to return until they provide evidence that they have a negative test result.
- 2. The negative COVID-19 test result must be sighted and received by the school for students before their return to school.** The NSW Department of Education requires parents to provide documentation / evidence of a negative result. This may be in the form of a screen shot that is electronically supplied or printed out in hardcopy to the school or other documentation that supports a negative test result.
- 3. If your child or a family member/close contact returns a positive COVID-19 test, please inform the school immediately.** This is essential.
- 4. Where possible, students should stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities.** This applies to all curriculum activities, extra-curricular activities, arts activities and sport and physical activities. The mixing of students from different cohort groups should be avoided where possible.
- 5. Graduations & Formals: Schools may hold a Year 12 assembly to recognise the completion of school.** This assembly does not allow for the attendance of parents. School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are not permitted.

Year 12 Graduation: Due to not being allowed to have parents at the Graduation we will be meeting soon to discuss our plans regarding the Year 12 Graduation and Formal.

Thanks for your ongoing understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Pesle – Relieving Principal