

A Catholic co-educational Secondary School owned by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and conducted by Daramalan College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to notify you of some additional information regarding COVID-19 restrictions in school settings based on the easing of restrictions.

Close Contact Advice to Families in line with ACT Health:

Household contacts can now leave their homes if they have no COVID-19 symptoms, and if they comply with the risk mitigation measures for seven days from the last time someone in the household tested positive for COVID-19. ACT Health continues to recommend that household contacts seek to minimise their movement within the broader community wherever possible.

The College will be adopting these risk mitigation strategies and therefore to attend school or a co-curricular activity as a close contact the following needs to occur:

- Notify the College by continuing to complete the COVID Declaration form on Daranet
- Undertake a COVID-19 Test in the 24 hours prior to returning and then every 48 hours
- Wear a mask while in any indoor setting that is not their own home

In the development of even the mildest COVID-19 symptoms students are not permitted to attend school. Students will not be able to attend <u>overnight</u> excursions if they are classified as a close contact.

If families require RATs to support them in the requirements above, the College can supply them through our Reception. There is an option to indicate this in the declaration form. Please be aware, however, that the supply provided to the College by the ACT Government has now been significantly reduced from our initial allocation.

There are no changes to the isolation requirements for individuals who are confirmed COVID-19 cases.

There will be some minor adjustments to the day to day running of the school that will be outlined to students and staff. These relate to the removal of one-way stairwells, reverting to a 3:27pm finish time for all years and greater access to the College Oval throughout the week. These updates will be in place from Monday 2 May.

A reminder to families that the <u>COVID Declaration</u> form needs to be completed for any student who is isolating due to being COVID positive or identified as a close contact. This form is available on the home page of Daranet or by the direct link above. You may still receive an SMS message until this declaration data is transferred to our attendance system, we endeavour to do this within one business day.

Regards,

Mr James Keeley Deputy Principal 6245 6302