Samaritan
COLLEGE

2 February 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the start of another semi-unusual school year. Is a little odd walking around the campuses when only some of the students are on site. But hopefully soon, we welcome everyone back and have some normality in our school year.

Important Information - Positive Cases & Classroom Contacts

Under the current framework, the school and especially the Principal, are required to essentially assume the role of contact tracers. We are committed to doing this in a timely manner and so to assist with this:

- If your child has been attending school and receives a positive COVID result (whether by a RAT test or a PCR test) during the school week, we ask that you please phone the College at your child's campus – numbers are below. It will be important for our staff to ask some questions such as when your child first had symptoms and when you received the positive result. This will help us determine which families need to be contacted.

- If you receive the result over a weekend, please email info@samaritan.catholic.edu.au and provide information as to when your child had symptoms and when they tested positive.

- If you receive the result after school on a weeknight, please phone at 8.00am the following morning.

Following receipt of this information, we will determine which classes the infected student has been in and communicate with those families via email. Specific student names will not be released, just that your child has shared a classroom with someone who has later tested positive.

And as per the information shared last week, it then becomes a "watch and monitor" situation; there is no need for immediate quarantine or isolation under SA Health guidelines for school related cases. Our communication we send in this instance will have very detailed advice and instructions. But we encourage you to revisit the processes from SA Health for schools here: CESA-TIQ_Schools.pdf

If your child becomes a close contact from a home situation or any other location aside from school, then regular SA Health guidelines come into play. People who are deemed close contacts undertake 7 or 14 days of quarantine (depending on where they can isolate). In short, you **do not** send your child to school if they are a close contact of someone outside of school who tested positive. Full information here: Close contacts | SA Health

And of course, if your child is sick or simply just coughing and sneezing, regardless of being a close contact, please do not send them to school.

Campus Numbers: St Teresa's 86458381; Our Lady's 86492077; Saint John's 86458568

Regards

Damien Judd
Principal