



19th August 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Monday afternoon 17th August, NSW Health issued updated hygiene and safety protocols and guidelines for schools in response to COVID-19. The expectation is that these new requirements need to be implemented in schools by **Friday, 21st August**.

These new requirements are as follows:

- Students do not attend school if they are unwell.
- Each student who is absent from school or who has been sent home due to flu like symptoms **must be tested**
- Students **must not return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free**
- Schools must **sight the negative COVID-19 test result** prior to allowing students to return to school i.e. NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre correspondence ([email or hard copy](#)) and/or a medical certificate must be provided to the school and a record of this kept by the school
- Schools should **limit activities to year groups** whenever possible.

NSW Health continues to advise schools to:

- exclude students with even mild symptoms of COVID-19
- encourage immediate testing for any symptomatic child(ren)
- ensure that adults maintain physical distancing at all times
- ensure good hand hygiene at all times (e.g. upon entry to the school, entry to the classroom and upon exit of the classroom)

Thank you for all you are doing to support our children as we continue to respond to the challenges of COVID-19.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Tricia Carr  
**Principal**