

## TUMBARUMBA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **POSITIVE COVID CASES**

Our school has been advised that a number of our students in Year 7 have recently tested positive to COVID-19. The parents and carers of other Year 7 students, who have been deemed **close household contacts following the Year 7 Camp**, have been contacted directly by Mrs Megan Finnimore or myself. Students who have been deemed close household contacts are required to isolate for seven (7) days.

Students in Year 7 and staff who worked with this group of students may have had contact with a person who was infectious with COVID-19. Year 7 students who are not deemed **close household contacts** are encouraged to contact the school prior to leaving for school in the morning to find out if there have been any new cases reported to the school. The school has a supply of rapid antigen tests which can be issued if students have exhausted the supplies issued in previous weeks.

While testing and isolation for people who have had contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 is no longer mandatory for exposures in school settings, <u>NSW Health has provided advice on testing and isolation recommendationsExternal link</u> for the community following exposure to COVID-19 that should be considered when making decisions for your child and family.

You are reminded that staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

If symptoms occur at any time, you should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test. If a rapid antigen test is positive you/your child should isolate as someone who has tested positive to COVID-19. If you cannot access a rapid antigen test, you can attend a PCR (nose and throat swab) testing clinic. You must also register any positive test on the Service NSW website so you can be linked to important health care support and advice.

Advice and further resources are available on the NSW Health website including COVID-19 guidelines and fact sheets for <u>People who tested positive or were exposed to COVID-19External link</u>. Additional resources are also available on the <u>NSW GovernmentExternal link</u> website.

The safety and wellbeing of our staff and students are paramount at all times. As such, we will continue to closely follow the advice from NSW Health.

Parents and carers are welcome to contact the school if additional information is required.

Yours sincerely

## **Mr Michael Blenkins**

Principal

10<sup>th</sup> March 2022