



Dandenong North Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

25th November, 2021

Our school has been advised today of several confirmed COVID-19 cases that attended our school on **Monday 22nd 2021**.

Our school will be closed on **Friday 26th November** as a precaution to allow the further identification of students or staff who may have had close contact with a case and allow us to arrange necessary cleaning.

The Department of Health has instructed us that **EVERY STUDENT and EVERY STAFF MEMBER will have to receive a negative COVID test result before being allowed back to school.**

Children and Staff MUST get tested and stay at home until they receive a negative result.

In addition, Primary Close Contact students must, until you hear further from me or the Department of Health (DH), avoid public places and only leave home for brief periods for necessary activities that include:

- exercise;
- caregiving to family members when no alternative is available;
- necessary medical appointments where no alternative is available (such as telehealth);
- shopping for necessary items, only where no one else in the household can perform this task and no alternative is available (such as delivery).

DH will then contact PCCs directly. These calls or text messages can come from private or unknown numbers. Please answer these calls or follow text message advice if you receive a call or text message.

The rest of your family does not need to stay at home at this stage.

If you have not been contacted already to say your child has been identified as a primary close contact, your child will still be required to produce proof of a negative test result before they can return to school

If you or anyone in your family develops even the mildest of symptoms, please get tested.

If you have questions about what this means for our school, please call the Department of Education and Training COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663**, available 8:30am to 5pm Monday through Friday, and 10am to 3pm Saturday and Sunday.

If you are concerned that you might have COVID-19 you can call the DH COVID-19 hotline on **1800 675 398**, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on **131 450**. Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret. For health advice in languages other than English, visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19).

Kind regards,

Kevin Mackay

Principal