

Wednesday 23 February 2022

Dear Parents/ Caregivers and students

RE: COVID Update at Norwood International High School

Over the past three weeks Norwood International High School has actively implemented a range of COVID related measures to minimise transmission across our community. We have reinforced the wearing of masks and have ensured restricted activities such as assemblies, co-curricular activities, excursions and parent sessions were not conducted.

Despite these actions some members of our school community have tested positive to COVID-19. The affected students have been across most year levels with the majority in year 8. We are notifying all families in the school community for your information and safety.

The school has contacted families directly via SMS if there are positive cases in their child's class. Please note the school has experienced low case numbers and is monitoring the situation closely with the support of the Department for Education.

All students at Norwood International High School should continue to attend school unless they develop symptoms, or they have tested positive. We seek the support of parents/caregivers to ensure students do not have any symptoms (even mild) before attending school each day.

In the situation that your child develops symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting or extreme tiredness, please:

- Undertake a PCR test
- Keep your child (and siblings) at home until confirmation of a negative test is received and their symptoms have resolved, whichever is longer
- Inform Norwood International High School on 8364 2299.

If your child does test positive to COVID-19, they must remain isolated for 10 days and is required to follow SA Health instructions. The school will need to be advised immediately so that we can contact classroom contacts, families and staff. In this situation siblings are identified as close contacts and should also not attend school. A learning community leader will in contact to provide information on possible continued learning during the isolation period.

Last week the Department for Education advised a number of restrictions will be lifted from Monday 28 February across government schools.



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This will mean our students and school can resume the following activities:

- Day excursions and incursions
- Interschool sporting competitions and training
- Extra-curricular activities, including clubs, instrumental lessons and choirs
- Work experience and work placements
- Outdoor Education camps (that support the SACE curriculum)
- Outdoor assemblies.

Whilst we look forward to these new activities resuming, our students and staff will need to continue to wear masks indoors and in populated outdoor areas. Our staff are constantly reminding students to wear masks and they continue to hand out hundreds of masks on a daily basis. We seek family support to ensure students have their own masks (to minimise the impact on our environment) and to promote the importance of wearing masks at school and on public transport to reduce transmission. Again, we thank you for your ongoing support.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff are paramount. As such, Norwood International High School will continue to work closely with the Department for Education and SA Health to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

Yours sincerely



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