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Dear Parents

RE: COVID 19 UPDATE

As you are aware, Oakleigh Grammar from the inception of the Pandemic, has maintained a COVID cautious approach with strong communication to all stakeholders.

As we have commenced this term, it is evident that new Variants of the COVID virus continues to spread within the broader community. Our School is vigilantly tracking all current COVID cases reported to us and I thank all parents for your prompt notification if your child contracts the virus.

It is important to maintain our focus on good hygiene with regular handwashing, students using the many automated sanitisers and maintaining awareness of COVID symptoms.

Oakleigh Grammar has a COVID Management Committee which regularly meets to adjust our COVID Management Policy if and when appropriate. Our School is receiving advice from relevant Authorities encouraging students and staff to wear masks whilst indoors. **At this point in time, our School is not mandating mask wearing indoors as the current live numbers of COVID within our school community are relatively low**. However, we are monitoring infection rates on a daily basis and if transmission increases, indoor mask wearing may become compulsory.

Please note, we fully support staff and students who choose to wear masks both indoors and outdoors at any time whilst at School or on a School sanctioned activity. Masks are still compulsory for all students who travel public transport and Oakleigh Grammar School buses.

I wish to remind all parents that RAT kits are available on request from First Aid or Reception, given our winter season is resulting a variety of upper respiratory infections, it is best to undertake a test to rule out COVID infection. Please keep your child at home if your child is feeling at all unwell, and / or displaying upper respiratory symptoms.

I will keep you appraised should there be any change to our COVID Management Policy.

Yours sincerely

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