



## Emmanuel Catholic College

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Late on Friday 4 March 2022, the Department of Health (WA Health) announced changes in relation to quarantine requirements for parents and family members of students deemed to be close contacts.

Parents and family members are no longer required to quarantine with a child who has been identified as a close contact to a COVID-19 positive case. This advice also applies retrospectively to any parents and family members who are currently in quarantine, subject to them adhering to all the WA Health advice, which can be found [here](#).

One parent or caregiver may still need to miss work or work from home to care for their child while in quarantine. The rest of the household, including brothers and sisters, who have not been identified as close contacts, can attend work or school.

The household should adhere to the recommendations for careful symptom monitoring and other precautions noted in the attached information provided by WA Health.

### **The close contact must still quarantine.**

If symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are experienced, symptomatic persons should get tested immediately.

Since my last correspondence early last week, the College has had a further five students notify the College of a positive COVID-19 result. These students are in Years 8, 9 and 11, with four of them returning a positive result late Thursday and over the weekend. Identified close contacts last week were minimal and those impacted were notified at the time. To date, there have been no further staff test positive or identified as close contacts.

Health WA have delegated the task of identifying close contacts in schools to the individual school. At Emmanuel this will be conducted by the respective Head of Year in consultation with Mr Vince Bellini, Vice Principal and myself. In short schools can now treat a positive RATs as confirmation of a positive result and act accordingly. As such once notified of a positive RAT the College will investigate the possibility of any close contacts at the College and duly notify parents and guardians. I would therefore ask if a student returns a positive RAT, please inform the relevant Head of Year as soon as possible and follow the WA Health advice.

Whilst I appreciate that the growing case numbers in schools is concerning to parents, we are not at a point to consider a shift to remote learning. This is not a decision for the College to make until directed as such by Catholic Education Western Australia after consultation with WA Health. In this instance it may well be an individual Year group before it is a whole school scenario. In the meantime, positive cases and close contacts, if well enough, are to do their best in completing their lessons through SEQTA under the direction of their teacher.

As always, the health and wellbeing of our students and families continues to be our priority. If you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Kind regards

Mr Paul Watson  
**Principal**