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Dear Parents, Grandparents & Carers,

This week, Principals received updates from NSW Health and Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) for immediate implementation, to ensure we are doing all we can to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our school.

COVID-19 Safety & Hygiene measures

| Managing Illness | |
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| Schools must encourage vigilance in ensuring that staff and students do not attend school or work if they are generally unwell. | |
| DOES MY CHILD NEED A COVID TEST? | <p>Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.</p> <p>Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.</p> |
| WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD IS TESTED FOR COVID? | <p>Staff and students must not return to school or work until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free</p> <p>Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result prior to allowing students and staff to return to school. A screenshot of the text message or copy of the email should be forwarded to admin@lochinvarsp.catholic.edu.au or shown to administration staff upon return to school.</p> |

These additional measures regarding events and activities are in place **until further notice.**

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| Assemblies can be held with COVID-safe practices in place. | No parents/ visitors permitted. |
| General parent access to the site is not currently permitted. | Planned Term 3 Kindergarten orientation and transition processes are on hold. |

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| <p>While at school, masks or face coverings are recommended in all indoor settings for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff in school settings • Parents/visitors to the school site including OOSH, canteen and the administration block | <p>Parents must follow mask-wearing requirements at drop off and pick up and sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.</p> |
| <p>Excursions will be limited to outdoor locations within the Local Government Area of the school where the school can demonstrate COVID Safe practices.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excursions planned to Sydney are cancelled. • Excursions planned to Newcastle are currently on hold. • The overnight Year 5 Camp is on hold. An alternate date is being sought. Parents are encouraged to continue to make payments through COMPASS, in anticipation. |
| <p>Inter-school, inter-regional and intrastate activities and events, such as gala days and sporting carnivals can continue with COVID-safe practices in place.</p> | <p>At this stage the Diocesan Athletics Carnival is on.</p> |
| <p>External providers can be used for the delivery of sport and physical activity programs where they are essential to curriculum delivery.</p> | <p>This includes the delivery of Sport. Activities will require risk assessments and a COVID-19 Safety Plan. Changes to the gymnastics program will be enacted for Term 3.</p> |
| <p>The engagement of Allied Health partners, external providers (therapists) and music tutors is permitted.</p> | <p>A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required including use of the QR code and face masks</p> |
| <p>P&F social events or functions involving community members within school hours are not permitted.</p> | <p>Canteens and uniform shops may operate where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled canteen volunteers are permitted • Access to the 2nd hand uniform shop is permitted each 2nd Friday between 8.30am and 9am or by appointment. Next date is 23/7/21. <p>Our scheduled Grandparents Day and Book Week activities are currently on hold.</p> |

I understand there is much uncertainty related to ongoing cases and restrictions.
I thank you for your patience and understanding.

Regards,
Jacqueline Wilkinson
Principal