



# WERRINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

## How and when do I pick up the RAT kits?

- Our supply of RAT test have arrived.
- Kits are available for collection on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January from 9am to 3.30pm. Kits can be collected during these times via the drive through entrance to the support unit on Heavey Street. Please remain in your cars. For pedestrian pick up and and pick up of uniform orders, please collect from the Armstein Crescent gate.
- For parents and carers who are unable to pick up on Friday or Monday. There is an opportunity to pick up between 9am and 12noon via the Heavey Street Support Unit Driveway only. I would like to thank those staff who have given up part of their weekend to support our school and families.

## Rapid antigen testing

The use of RAT kits is an important step to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. They are a quick and easy screening tool to help detect COVID-19. It is a simple process of placing a nose or throat swab in a chemical solution, which is put onto a scanning device. Results can be ready within 15 minutes. Use of RAT kits is highly recommended but not mandatory.

Instructions are included in the kits detailing how to use the tests, check the results and dispose of the tests safely. You can also download the instructions through the <https://www.tga.gov.au/covid-19-rapid-antigen-self-tests-are-approved-australia> website. The user guides will also contain a contact number for the suppliers

## Additional information

- School staff will not be administering the rapid antigen tests to students.
- RAT kits should be collected from school by a parent or carer and the tests completed at home in the morning before attending school.
- Each student will receive an initial supply of 4 RATs to be used twice a week in the morning before attending school.
- If a student or staff member receives a **positive** RAT result, they need to:
  - record the positive RAT result through the <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/register-positive-rat-test-result> or <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/service-nsw-mobile-app>
  - notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR result as soon as possible
  - follow <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/self-isolation-and-testing.aspx> to isolate for 7 days.

Negative results **do not** need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

## Unwell at school

Any student or staff member who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

- If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.
- If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative and they are displaying no symptoms OR they are diagnosed as another condition such as hayfever, the student or staff member can return to school.

### **What happens when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19**

Under the new close contact rules, schools are no longer included in contact tracing. I will inform the school community when there is a positive case in our school and advise families on public health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

These key measures include:

- Rapid antigen test (RAT) kits will be provided to all students to help monitor your child's health and minimise transmission of COVID-19 across our school.
- Wearing of surgical masks indoors is required for all staff and students in Year 7 and above and strongly recommended for all primary students. Masks will be provided by the school if required.
- Only fully vaccinated visitors essential to delivering and supporting learning or wellbeing can come on a school site.
- Two parents or carers are allowed to accompany their child into school on their first day of Kindergarten or students starting at a new school.
- Students will be kept in their stage groups on school grounds, with staggered drop-off and pick-ups, additional playground areas will be open during break times, designated playground and canteen access to minimise the spread of COVID-19 across cohorts.
- We encourage parents to drop their children at school as close to the 9.10am bell as possible, for students who arrive prior to this 3-6 students will go to the field and basketball area to be supervised and K-2 students will go to the passive play area to be supervised, from 9am students will be supervised in their classes until the 9.10am bell.
- Afternoon pick up will remain the same as last year:
  - Kindergarten 2.45pm - moving to 2.50pm after the first few weeks;
  - Stage 1 (years 1 & 2)- 2.53pm;
  - Stage 2 (years 3 & 4) - 2.56pm; and
  - Stage 3 (years 5 & 6) - 2.59pm.
  - Please ensure that your child knows what gate you will be picking them up from.
- We will continue to use good hygiene, enhanced cleaning, good air flow and ventilation in learning spaces, as well as physical distancing practices.

### **Reminders**

Students in year 1-6 return to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9.10am, with Kindergarten commencing on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

Kind regards,  
Christine Avery  
Principal