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Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome our Casula community to the start of Term 3, after hopefully enjoying a safe and enjoyable winter break. We wish to provide you with an overview of how we are continuing to ensure our school remains COVID safe throughout the term.

While we continue to face challenges, the wellbeing of our students and staff, and our students' education remains paramount. We will continue to implement our layered COVID smart measures this term which are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:

# **Displaying COVID – 19 Symptoms**

Students are to remain at home when displaying COVID-19 symptoms and test via rapid antigen kits or through PCR tests. Parents are reminded to contact the office if your child tests positive and to record the positive result through the ServiceNSW app.

Students who test positive to COVID-19 must not attend school until their isolation period ends and they are symptom free. Students are encouraged to maintain good hygiene practices.

## **Close Contacts**

Students identified as close contacts are able to attend school providing, they are symptom free. Parents are required to notify the office on 9602 4320 and students must return a negative COBID-19 test result daily for 5 consecutive school days. Secondary students are required to wear a mask for 5 consecutive school days (excepts when eating / drinking or exercising). Parents and visitors identified as close contacts are required to return a negative COVID -19 test result before attending our school and wear a mask.

# Rapid Antigen Kits (RATs)

The Department of Education will deliver another supply of rapid antigen tests (RATs) to our school early this term. Each student will receive 5 RAT kits. These RATs may be sued as required for symptomatic testing, even if your child is displaying the mildest of symptoms.

### Masks and cleaning

Students and staff are strongly encouraged to wear masks indoors or when distancing is not possible, particularly in the first four weeks of Term 3. Additional cleaning during the day, with particular attention given to high touch surface areas.

### Staggered finishing times

We will continue with our staggered finishing times for cohorts

Year	Dismissal Time Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	Tuesday
7 and 10	2:50pm	2:10pm
8 and 9	2:55pm	2:15pm

Once teachers have escorted their class to the front of the school unless students are waiting to catch a bus home Year 7 - 10 students are encouraged to wait for parents and siblings away from the front gates to reduce mingling.



Year 11 and 12 Dismissal Times

Formal lessons will conclude at 12:50pm on Wednesday for year 12 students and 12:50pm on Thursday for year 11 students. Other than the above days, year 11 and 12 students' lessons will conclude at 3pm.

Continuing these COVID smart measures allows us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing whilst giving our learners a consistent and productive learning environment this term. Our key priority is the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and community. We will continue to liaise with NSW Health and the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing Case Management team to ensure our COVID smart settings keep up with latest developments. We look forward to working with our community during Term 3 whilst celebrating our students' achievements and successes. Please contact Casula High School on 9602 4320 for further support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr G Smith Principal