CASULA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

We're working closely with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), NSW Health and the Department of Education to ensure our school continues to operate in the safest way possible during the COVID environment.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Students who are not tested will not be able to attend school for a ten day period and must be symptom free for at least three days before returning to school.

If, after testing negative, a student has ongoing symptoms which persist beyond 10 days, they should arrange to see their doctor. The medical assessment should consider whether the symptoms are typical for that person (for example seasonal, allergic rhinitis), and provide documentation for the school if this is the case. If there are new symptoms at any time, the person should be tested again.

According to NSW Health: Anyone with a cough, a sore or scratchy throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, loss of taste, loss of smell or a fever (37.5° or higher) should be tested for COVID-19, even if symptoms are mild (https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/response-protocol)

These updated measures will support our school to continue to deliver onsite learning. We thank you for your support of our school commitment to providing a COVID safe environment for all students and staff at Casula High School.

Further information and advice can be found on:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#School1

Feel free to contact your child's Deputy Principal, if you need further clarification.

Kind/Regards,

Mr G Smith Principal

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