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2022 Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra – Covid-19 Information

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are excited to be finalising information for the upcoming Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra. Working alongside NSW Health, the NSW Department of Education has set some guidelines and precautions for us to follow as a school to ensure the safety of all staff and students attending overnight excursions.

The following guidelines are provided by the NSW Department of Education, and we are required to follow these as a school to ensure the safety of all students and staff attending the Stage 3 excursion and to allow the excursion to proceed:

- Any staff or student who is unwell cannot attend camp.
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in an overnight excursion.
- Prior to attending camp, parents and carers are expected to administer a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) to each child to confirm that they are negative for Covid-19. This can happen at home in the morning before coming to school. Children must display a negative test prior to attending the excursion. The school does not need to sight the results of these RATs.
- If students have symptoms whilst on camp, they will be expected to administer a RAT (lollypop style provided by the school) under adult support and supervision to confirm a negative or positive status to COVID-19.
- If a student tests positive to COVID-19 they will be isolated from other students and supervision will be maintained. Parents and carers must come and collect a student if they are confirmed as positive case.
- It is strongly encouraged that any students who are deemed a higher risk contact will isolate for 7 days as this is the most effective way of protecting others.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, we will be contacting the NSW Department of Education's Health, Safety and wellbeing officers and will be required to follow all processes advised.

Further to the NSW Department of Education's advice, we will be sending home a form to all parents and carers called Personal Health Declarations (PHDs). These are used to determine whether a child is displaying signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and to obtain permission to conduct COVID-19 testing should a child fall ill on an excursion. You are required to provide a PHD for your child in the 24-hour period before the excursion begins.

If there are any questions regarding COVID-19 guidelines, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Warm regards,

May Ptolemy
Principal