

Dear parents and carers,

I'm writing to let you know that people with COVID-19 were on our Year 7 Camp or on Campus while infectious.

Date positive case/s reported: 15/03/2022

Impacted class/es or year level/s Years 7 & 8	Any extracurricular activities, including school bus transport
Year 7A, Year 7B, Year 7C, Year 7D, Year 7E, Year 7F	Students tested positive over the weekend. Students in the same cabin at camp have been notified and will isolate for the next 7 days.
Year 7G, Year 7I, Year 7J	
Year 8D	

What you need to know

If your child is not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they can continue to attend school, but you should monitor for symptoms.

Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result.

Students should continue with twice-a-week rapid antigen testing on school days.

Students who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to participate in surveillance testing for 30 days after their isolation period has ended.

For information on symptoms visit: https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks.

For more information on how to get tested visit: https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/taking-test-covid-19.

If your child returns a positive result, your child has COVID-19. You must:

- quarantine your child for seven days
- advise the school about the positive result
- Your child must stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well
- Everyone in your household is a close contact and must isolate for 7 days.

Reporting your child's positive test

If your child was at school when they were infectious you need to report the positive case through the <u>Student COVID-19 Test Portal</u> or you can notify the school in writing or by phone.

You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health via the <u>COVID-19 Positive</u> Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or call centre on 1800 675 398.



Further information for languages other than English

- For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on 131 450.
- For translated written information about COVID-19, please visit: <u>Translated information about COVID-19</u> | Coronavirus Victoria.
- Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on 1800 338 663 and they will help interpret.
- For health advice in languages other than English, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19

Financial support available to people affected by COVID-19:

For more information, visit:

Financial and other support for COVID-19 | Coronavirus Victoria

<u>If you need a payment during coronavirus (COVID-19) - Getting help during coronavirus (COVID-19) - Services Australia</u>

Accessing School Work when absent

If your student is feeling well enough, they can access their school work through the News section on each class page on MyPenola.

General advice and support

Advice and further resources about what to do if you test positive to COVID-19, or you have been told you are a contact, are at: Your COVID Checklist | Coronavirus Victoria, or call the 24/7 Coronavirus hotline on: 1800 675 398

You can also contact the school:

Phone: 03 93012777

Email: principal@penola.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

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