



**Penola**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Penola Catholic College has been advised that a student and staff member who were last onsite on Thursday November 4, 2021 have tested positive for coronavirus and are awaiting confirmation from the Department of Health (DH).

Following advice from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), Penola Catholic College has identified all primary close contacts who have had close contact with the cases.

If we inform you that your child has been identified as a primary close contact, please ensure that your child limits their movement until you are contacted by the Department of Health directly. These calls or text messages can come from private or unknown numbers. Please answer these calls or follow the text message advice.

The rest of your family does not need to limit their movement at this stage.

If you or anyone in your family develop even the mildest of symptoms, please get tested. If you need to get tested, please check [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) for up-to-date information about [waiting times at testing sites](#) across the state.

I understand this news will be concerning for many of you. I want to assure you we are doing everything we can to contain and slow the spread of the virus and ensure the health and safety of our whole school community.

Please be aware that we cannot provide information about the persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 and I ask that that you respect their privacy.

As a result, a range of Year 9 classes will combine both remote learning for students in isolation as well as those onsite. Remote learning will continue to be provided for those students who remain in isolation.

I will continue to keep you informed as further updates become available.

More information regarding coronavirus and schools is available at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

**Chris Caldwell**  
**Principal**  
**Penola Catholic College**