

A message from St Norbert College

BASIC ADVICE TO PARENTS AND FAMILIES - RESPONDING TO POSITIVE CASES OF COVID.

Please be aware that these guidelines in association with WA Health and CEWA are subject to change, as caseload conditions change. It emphasizes clearly that the starting point is always a **verified POSITIVE test**.

1. If you have concerns as a parent about your child not feeling well and the possibilities of COVID-19 the best practice is to keep the child home and undertake testing.
2. If your child or someone in the household returns a **positive RAT test** (but is deemed a close contact by WA Health) please isolate and undertake a PCR test as soon as possible. If that is negative no further action is required.
3. If a **positive PCR test** is reported back to you by WA Health, please advise the College immediately and isolate. WA Health and Catholic Education WA will liaise with me and the appropriate elements of our Safety Plan will quickly be enacted, including informing parents of the details and what needs to occur.

This communication will almost certainly be an **initial text message** to parents alerting parents to a positive case, but to be aware **of follow up written communication by email** shortly thereafter, explaining the circumstances and giving advice and direction to parents.

4. WA Health will determine possible close contacts, infectious period and any isolation requirements and advice on school operation in conjunction with the Principal and the Deputy Executive Director of CEWA. Should close contacts be identified, written communication to those individuals with specific advice on what must be undertaken will be issued.

Please note that (as opposed to Primary Schools) the determination of Close Contacts from within secondary schools, is less likely, due to mask wearing protocols. It can of course still be the case depending on the individual circumstance. Again, I emphasise to all families, each case needs to be evaluated carefully, separately.

Simon Harvey
Principal