

6 August 2021

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

The Hunter and Upper Hunter regions are subject to a NSW Health Stay at Home Order from 5pm, Thursday 5 August. The affected Local Government Areas (LGAs) are Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Port Stephens, Cessnock, Dungog, Singleton and Muswellbrook.

We have received the following information regarding attendance at school for students who have visited one of the impacted areas since Saturday, 31 July 2021. Please understand this advice is subject to change and further advice will be issued if the situation changes.

**Students who have visited a confirmed case location or venue of concern** are to contact NSW Health on 1800 943 553, get tested and follow the written directions supplied by contact tracers and inform the school.

**Students who have been contacted by NSW Health contact tracers** and identified by NSW Health as a close or casual contact are to get tested, follow the written directions supplied by contact tracers and inform the school.

**Students who have visited any of the impacted LGAs since 31 July 2021**, but have not visited a confirmed case location or venue of concern are subject to the Stay at Home Orders however students can continue to attend school as education is deemed as a reasonable excuse to leave your home. Details of the NSW Stay at Home Order can be found [here](#).

**Students who have not visited the Hunter or Upper Hunter regions since 31 July 2021**, you are able to attend school as per usual.

**All students**

If your child is unwell or has any cold and flu like symptoms, please get tested and stay at home until a negative test result is received.

I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers those who may be unwell at this time and all involved in responding to the COVID-19 situation. Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we navigate this evolving situation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child/ren's school.

Yours sincerely,



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*Director of Catholic Schools*