



ORANA CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

A member of our school community has received confirmation from the Department of Health (WA Health) confirming they have tested positive for COVID-19.

While the school and community are yet to receive detailed close contact advice from WA Health, we are acting with an abundance of caution. Parents and carers of students in Year 6 have been asked to keep their children at home until they receive further advice from WA Health.

We will work closely with WA Health to provide the information that parents require and continue to advise staff and families of the students and staff who were in close contact with the confirmed case.

This development may make your child feel worried or anxious, as it may for many of us who are parents. It is important to remember that you can help your child at this time, first by listening attentively to their concerns, and then by providing some reassurance. Our social worker, Kathryn Warburton is available, should you require: kathryn.warburton@cewa.edu.au

Advice for all families:

- Our school will remain open.
- Your child is not required to quarantine unless you are specifically advised to do so by WA Health.
- Alongside advice in place for everyone in the Perth and Peel region, we ask that you monitor your child and family members in your household for symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms develop, please do not attend school; get tested immediately and isolate until you receive a negative result.
- Please note that the Omicron strain can present with less typical symptoms such as vomiting and diarrhoea, particularly in children.

As a Catholic school, the safety and wellbeing of our students is always our priority, as is showing care and support for all members of our community. Please respect the confidentiality of all involved. Refrain from sharing this news via social media and allow the school, CEWA and the Health Department to communicate the facts – protecting both the privacy and dignity of all concerned. I will keep you updated with any new information. Please be alert for further communication from ourselves and WA Health.

If you have queries or concerns regarding your child, please contact me. If you have health concerns, please contact WA Health on 1300 316 555 or at PHOpsClinical@health.wa.gov.au

Kind regards

Dee Johnston - Principal