16th August 2022

**YEAR 5-6 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA COVID INFORMATION UPDATE**

Dear Parents,

After receiving advice from the Catholic Schools Office in regards to the new protocols with COVID and excursions, I am now able to send this note to inform parents of the rules and regulations associated with COVID that we will need to abide by before and during our excursion to Canberra (12th-16th September).

We ask that all students (and staff) conduct a rapid antigen test (RAT) on the morning of our departure to Canberra before they complete their personal health declaration form that was included with the information package that was sent home a fortnight ago.

No one should go to Canberra if:

* Their RAT shows a positive COVID result
* They have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the previous 7 days
* They are in a period of 7 day isolation as directed by NSW Health
* Have flu like symptoms (coughing, sneezing, experiencing head aches and/or having a runny nose)
* Have a temperature above the normal range (greater than 37.5 degrees)

If late withdrawal is necessary due to any of the above, parents are asked to inform myself by contacting the school or email me (dhyatt@arm.catholic.edu.au).

Excursion participants over 12 years old will be required to wear a mask while in vehicles (including bus trips to and from the excursion site). In some cases, these participants may be required to wear a mask in communal indoor spaces. The school will be providing masks for these participants throughout the excursion.

If there are participants displaying COVID symptoms, students and/or staff will be asked to administer their own RAT test. Also note that in some circumstances, if your child is suspected of having COVID or a RAT provides a positive result, you may be called upon to collect your child from Canberra. Hopefully, this will not eventuate, but we have made arrangements with the venue that we are staying at for extra rooms to be allocated for any staff and/or students to isolate from the rest of the group before arrangements are made for them to go home.

To acknowledge that you have read and understood the content of this note, can you please return the below section back to school by **Friday 2nd September**?

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Kind regards

Dallas Hyatt

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Dear Mr Hyatt,

* I acknowledge that I have read the COVID Information Update Note and fully understand and acknowledge its content.
* I understand that my child will need to have a RAT test on the morning of the 12th September before we depart for Canberra.
* I understand that if my child is displaying the symptoms listed in the information note before we depart to Canberra, they may need to withdraw from the excursion.
* I understand that if my child is over 12 years old, they will need to wear a mask on the bus.
* I understand that if my child is displaying COVID symptoms they will need to self-administer a RAT test.
* If my child contracts COVID during the excursion, I will make the necessary arrangements of collecting my child from Canberra.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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