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Dear Encounter Families

COVID-19 Update for Week 3

You may already have heard confirmation in the media that on-site learning is returning on Monday for all students in South Australia. That is wonderful news, and I am very much looking forward to having Encounter kids back on deck next week. This will hopefully allow schools and families to return to a much-awaited routine, everyday learning, and social connections for our young people.

For at least the next fortnight, the current restrictions in place for schools will remain. Most critically, parents will need to continue planning for kiss 'n drop for their children and will be unable to walk children to class. This will be especially important given we will have over 700 students on site from Early Learning to Year 12 and maintaining a safe environment for students and staff remains our utmost priority. Some of you would be aware that in this short period of school commencing we have had positive student cases of COVID-19 at Encounter. Although these cases have been effectively and confidently managed, it serves as a reminder that we must remain vigilant for the benefit of our entire community.

We are grateful that parents have been using the covidcomms@encounter.sa.edu.au email effectively when there have been positive cases or students identified as close contacts. We ask all families to use this means of communication if needed. We also ask you to continue to keep sick children at home, even if symptoms are mild.

Please keep in mind the definition of close contacts as outlined on the SA Health website: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/infectious+diseases/covid-19/testing+and+tracing/close+contacts. There has been some confusion amongst families, so we may need to clarify details if we believe students should be in quarantine rather than continuing to attend school. We appreciate the ever-changing rules may be hard to comprehend, but please be assured our reminders, our questions and these measures are in place to uphold individual and community health.

Towards the end of the month, I am expecting an update from the South Australian Government regarding excursions, school events, inter-school sport and other restrictions currently in place. As soon as we receive that information, we will either return to our usual practices or reschedule important events so our students can still access the exciting opportunities we have prepared for the year ahead.

I look forward to seeing your children back at Encounter on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely



Kelvin Grivell
Principal

Looks like school, feels like home...

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