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Dear Parents and Carers

Catherine McAuley College has been advised that members of our school community have tested positive for Coronavirus.

Catherine McAuley College will remain closed on Tuesday 19 October 2021. The school closure day will enable the process of contact tracing and cleaning of the affected areas to commence. Please note that children of essential workers will not be permitted to attend either campus until further notice.

In the next 24 hours families will be notified if they have students that may have attended various classes and been in close contact, and they will need to get tested and remain at home until further notice.

The remote learning program will resume from Tuesday, 19 October. For the remote learning days, students will follow their normal timetable and should refer to SIMON for links to class material and Google Meet links.

We understand this news will be concerning for many of you. I want to assure you we are doing everything we can to ensure the health and safety of our whole school community.

The school is being supported by Catholic Education Sandhurst regarding our next steps and appropriate action following the guidelines from the Department of Health.

The school will update all families as further information becomes available.

More information regarding coronavirus and schools is available on the [DHHS](#) websites and support for student wellbeing is included below.

[The COVID-19 advice for students page](#) includes advice and resources for students about how to adapt your learning during the pandemic, how to look after yourself and where to get help. Your teachers will support you to continuing learning from home while you are in quarantine.

Additional support including counselling is available through headspace on **1800 650 890**. You can also get support from Kids Helpline on **1800 551 800**.

Yours sincerely

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