



**Public Health Unit  
Metro South Health**

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Dear students, staff and parents

**Clarification about options regarding testing recommendation for students and staff attending Parklands Christian College**

Understandably parents or staff may have concerns about needing to have another test for COVID-19 (as per our letter to the College community yesterday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020).

Just to note again, the reason we are requesting the testing over the next couple of days, is to minimise the risk of COVID-19 disease spreading in the College community. While the risk is very low, it is possible for someone to have had a negative test result a few days ago, and still be developing the disease towards the end of the period of required quarantine.

**The direction from Queensland Health is that all people in home quarantine are required to have a COVID-19 test from day 10 onwards of their quarantine period.**

“Day 10” of the quarantine period for the Parklands Christian College community is today, Sunday 2 August 2020. Please do NOT rush to get tested today, but wait for the SMS text message to advice of your or your child’s allocated testing time over the next two days (Mon-Tues, 3-4<sup>th</sup> August).

If members of the College community choose not to undertake the testing as advised, the alternative option is for those students or staff members to have their quarantine period extended by an additional ten (10) days.

**To clarify the two options:**

- 1- If you/your child has COVID-19 testing during 3-4<sup>th</sup> August (as above), and the test result comes back negative, then the quarantine period ends at midnight, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020.**
- 2- If you/your child does NOT have COVID-19 testing during 3-4<sup>th</sup> August (as above), then the quarantine period will be extended until midnight, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020.**

Please be on the lookout for the text message giving a specific time slot for you / your child to attend for testing, please.

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If you / your child or any family member becomes unwell, isolate immediately and avoid contact with others. If you or your child develop symptoms of COVID-19 you should arrange to consult a doctor or attend a hospital fever clinic for urgent assessment and testing. Please call your doctor and advise them of symptoms of COVID-19, as you may be seen via a Telehealth assessment.

If you have any questions, please speak to your doctor or contact 13HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

Thank you once again for your understanding and patience under these challenging circumstances.

With best regards,



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