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**Public Health Unit  
Metro South Health**

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Our Ref:  
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Dear students, staff and parents

**IMPORTANT UPDATE on testing recommendation for students and staff attending Parklands Christian College**

Firstly, I sincerely regret that we need to update the recommendations sent earlier regarding the need for testing of students and staff attending Parkland Christian College. We thank again the College community for your role in helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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

To do this, Metro South Health will be running the testing centre at the Baskerville Sports Centre at the College only for the College community on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> (7 am to 5 pm)** as well as a catch-up clinic on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> (7 am to 11 am). Only students and staff of Parklands Christian College will be tested over this period.

To reduce waiting times, the Metro South Public Health Unit (MSPHU) will be sending an SMS text message to staff and parents starting Sunday afternoon (2 August).

**The text message will give a specific timeslot for you / your child to attend for testing, please.**

We request that as much as possible, you would attend during your allocated time, however you will not be turned away at other times. There will be a catch-up clinic run during Wednesday morning (5 August) for any staff or students who could not attend earlier.

***Please note the change in our previous advice: Even if you have already had a COVID-19 test, it is a Queensland Health requirement that you and/or your child are tested again.***

This is an important to minimise the risk of someone coming down with the disease after the early testing was done. I am sure we all want to do everything we can to stop COVID-19 circulating in the College community.

I appreciate that this is an additional hardship to everyone and thank you sincerely for your understanding and appreciation of this situation.

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As stated before, if you / your child or any family member is 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.

For further information, please refer to the links below:

- [Quarantine](#) information
- [Testing and Fever clinics](#) information
- [Community Recovery Hotline](#) for people who have no other means of support
- [Multicultural resources](#) regarding COVID-19

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kari Jarvinen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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