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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

## Year 13 Peer Support Programme

We would like to provide you with an update to make you aware, that subject to confirmation from the Ministry of Education, a Year 13 Peer Support Leader has returned a positive Day 5 Covid test result. This student did not attend Soundsplash and therefore it is highly likely that the virus was transmitted to them during the Peer Support Programme.

They are currently feeling well, however, this highlights the transmissibility of the virus and reinforces the wisdom of the 10 day 'close contacts' self-isolation period. Our thoughts and prayers are with the student and their family, as now this family will be in isolation until given clearance by the Ministry of Health. They have done everything they can to ensure the wellbeing of their family and others.

The Ministry of Health (MoH) may be in contact with you to update you on the isolation conditions for your child. However, our understanding is that Day 0 for contact with other students will be either the same day (**25 January**) or the following day (**26 January**). We await advisement from the Ministry of Health in due course. Please follow all MoH advice and ensure that all tests are completed (especially the Day 8 test).

To date this is the only additional positive result we are aware of. Should you be informed of a positive test result, please do let the College know as soon as practicable. While we will continue to maintain the privacy of the individuals, as a community we need to be aware of the situation as it unfolds.

Please continue to isolate and do contact the College should you require any support. We would like to remind you of the following:

### What you need to do

- You and your family should watch for symptoms
- If any symptoms develop, get tested immediately
- Then, stay at home until you receive the result
- If your family has not been vaccinated, please do so as soon as possible. You can book on-line at [bookmyvaccine.nz](http://bookmyvaccine.nz) or by calling 0800 28 29 26. It is free.

### What we are doing

- The College will stay open and will support with distance learning and resources as is practicable
- We have appropriate public health measures and cleaning procedures in place on campus.

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### Symptoms of Covid-19

- A new or worsening cough
- Sneezing and runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- Sore throat – this is the most common presenting symptom of Omicron variant
- Shortness of breath.

Less common symptoms include diarrhoea, headache, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, malaise, chest pain, abdominal pain, joint pain, or confusion/irritability.

For more information, go to [Covid 19 Symptoms Information](#)

At this stage we hope to see our Year 13 Peer Support Leaders returning to the College on **Tuesday 8 February** subject to release by the Ministry of Health.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Please be compassionate and kind in 'your bubbles' and I hope you are able to manage the impact of this stressful time with your family. Should you wish additional support, please feel free to contact members of our College Counselling team, via the OLE page – [College Counselling](#).

We ride this wave together, and I am confident we navigate through these turbulent times.

Your sincerely



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