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Dear SCBC Families,

Warm greetings from the College. Below is a general update and most recent COVID information.

### **General update**

It's been great to welcome back on campus one of our past students (Andy Newcombe). Andy is completing a PhD at Murdoch University in Film. Thanks to an opportunistic invitation from Mr Norris, Andy has been sharing film production knowledge and experience with our students. A short film is under production in our STEM building (M-Block). It's about taking the elevator back to visit Maranatha.

I've had the pleasure of attending several sporting fixtures involving our students. The most recent Secondary intra-athletics carnival was a fun-tastic success. The enthusiasm of participating students and staff was contagious. The attentiveness of our HPE staff team ensured a high-integrity event. Special thanks to Ms Phoebe and Mr Galambosi (Carnival Organiser). Wonderful to also see past students helping out.

During the last week, I've loved seeing our footballers enjoying their games as far north as Woodvale, and most recently at Beale Park. In addition to the games that I was able to attend, we've had staff supporting our school teams in Joondalup and Swan Valley. We are blessed to have so many opportunities for participation in sporting events. I know our gymnasts are looking forward to the completion of our new gymnasium.

This is also a time when I have the pleasure of having a meal with all Year 12's, one small group at a time. I ask them what has been good, and what would be great for future students. I deeply appreciate their thoughtfulness, insights and ideas. I've been doing this for the last 10 years. A strong academic programme (GATE) and the initiation of our Academies (Football, Vocal and Gymnastics) were developed from their interests and suggestions. So too the development of our new buildings, especially M-Block. We thank God for them. They are a blessing to our community.

### **COVID update**

We have been recently contacted to provide an update on COVID related support.

For the purpose of supporting families, the College will be receiving additional Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for students. The Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia (AISWA) have allocated a box of 20 tests per student.

These free RATs will support our students to continue attending school for face-to-face learning, with minimal disruption. You will be able to test your child at home if they are feeling unwell. The RATs can also be used if your child is a household close contact.

Student Services will advise South Coast Baptist College families next Friday, to advise how the RATs will be distributed in both Primary and Secondary.

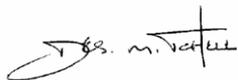
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If you find that your child tests positive, please advise Absentees via the [Absentee Form \(click here\)](#) of the positive result.

As per the eased public health measures, a child who is a **household close contact**, is symptom free and tests negative on a daily RAT can attend school. In doing this, Secondary students who are household close contacts must wear a mask when attending school.

*NB: Recognising higher case numbers at present, staff and students may choose to wear masks at the College, if personally preferred.*

On behalf of the College community, thanks again for your ongoing support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Des Mitchell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Des Mitchell  
PRINCIPAL

29<sup>th</sup> July 2022