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The Department of Health would like to thank all the people involved in Bacchus Marsh Grammar for their ongoing cooperation managing the COVID-19 outbreak.

As you are aware there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 who attended the Maddingley Campus on the 12-14 July. There have been no confirmed cases of people attending the Woodlea campus. We understand the large impact this has had on both the Maddingley and Woodlea campuses. We once again appreciate the enormous work this community has done to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

Students who only attended the Woodlea campus have now been cleared as secondary close contacts due to all teachers at the Woodlea campus returning an initial negative test result. However, we understand that there are some students who have family members who also attend the Maddingley campus. Therefore, these students will be required to remain in quarantine as household contacts of family members who attend the Maddingley campus.

It is important that all primary close contacts and their household members remain in quarantine for the full 14 days. Symptoms may develop at any time within those 14 days and we encourage you to seek additional testing quickly if any symptoms develop. The 14 days of quarantine begins the day after your last attendance at the Maddingley campus. Therefore, if you only attended on the 12 July, your last day of quarantine will be the 26 July. If you however also attended on the 13 July, your last day of quarantine will be the 27 July and so on.

To be released from quarantine, the Department of Health requires all primary close contacts to have a further test on day 13 of your quarantine. If primary close contacts do not undergo day 13 testing, unfortunately their quarantine will be extended by a further 14 days or until you have a negative result. This will require household members to also continue to quarantine.

We understand that a lot of the Bacchus Marsh community will be due to undergo day 13 testing on the 27 July. To try and avoid long wait times and so that everyone can seek testing on this day we are currently working with our testing team to arrange additional testing facilities to meet this increased demand. We will communicate further once we have more details regarding these testing facilities.

Once again thank you for your cooperation and hard work in keeping Victoria safe. If you have any questions about the advice you have received, your quarantine period or testing please contact the Department of Health on 1300 651 160. For more information on coronavirus visit: www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

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