Dear parents/carers and staff,

I am writing this to inform you that late yesterday I received confirmation of a COVID19 positive case who attended the ball. The case did not have any symptoms while at the ball, wore their mask except for when seated eating dinner, but would have been infectious during this period.

**Close Contacts need to:**

* Isolate for 7 days from the Ball (until next Sunday if you went on past midnight), students can attend school and school only (not work, not sport etc).
* Take a RAT or PCR test ASAP if not already done.
* Take a PCR test on Friday (25 March), or a RAT on Saturday (26 March).
* Not attend school if they have symptoms (and take another test if symptoms appear).

**Close contacts have been identified and contacted by the school.**

However, I ask all students that attended the ball to take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) before returning to school, even if they do not have any symptoms - I have had many cases reported in the last week where a positive test was recorded without the case having any symptoms. **If you take a RAT this morning, consider taking another later this evening to tomorrow morning**, I have had many cases with a negative RAT one day, and positive RAT the next.

**If you receive a positive RAT you will need to do the following:**

* Email me of the result (shaun.barton@education.wa.edu.au) and tell me who you were sitting next to at dinner, and anyone else you spent time with without masks on (at anytime before, during and after the ball).
* register the positive results via [https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A\_E/Coronavirus/COVID19-testing/Rapid-Antigen-Test](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.healthywa.wa.gov.au%2FArticles%2FA_E%2FCoronavirus%2FCOVID19-testing%2FRapid-Antigen-Test&data=04%7C01%7Cdiana.mcrobert%40education.wa.edu.au%7Cb828d915b44f4869327308da0c7e963d%7Ce08016f9d1fd4cbb83b0b76eb4361627%7C0%7C0%7C637836035059663003%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=MePCmqA5zwHkSkKgmPUA5%2F%2Fjs0Z5rlgP6SiwqujIoms%3D&reserved=0)

There is no need to send a photo of the RAT, or inform me of a negative RAT.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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