



MORTDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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RAPID ANTIGEN TEST (RAT) DISTRIBUTION

Dear Parent and Carers,

We will distribute packs of rapid antigen test (RAT) kits for all students and staff at the start of Term 1.

The use of RAT kits is an important step to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. They are a quick and easy screening tool to help detect COVID-19. It is a simple process of placing a nose or throat swab in a chemical solution, which is put onto a scanning device. Results can be ready within 15 minutes. Use of RAT kits is highly recommended but not mandatory.

Instructions are included in the kits detailing how to use the tests, check the results and dispose of the tests safely. You can also download the instructions through the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) External link website. The user guides will also contain a contact number for the suppliers if you need additional support.

HOW AND WHEN DO I PICK UP THE RAT KITS?

Parents are asked to come to Gate B (double gates) between the allocated times and dates to help avoid congestion.

Thursday 27 January

- Surname A-L between 9.00am – 10.00am
- Surname M-Z between 10.15am – 11.15am

OR Friday 28 January

- Surname A-L between 11.30am – 12.30pm
- Surname M-Z between 12.45pm – 1.45pm

2022 Kindergarten students will receive their RAT kits on their **“Best Start”** day.

Please leave the school site immediately after picking up your packs of RAT kits via Gate A.

You can only pick up your child/rens RAT. Please do not ask other families to pick your child/rens RAT.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- School staff will not be administering the rapid antigen tests to students.
- RAT kits should be collected from school by a parent or carer and the tests completed at home in the morning before attending school on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Each student will receive an initial supply of 4 RATs to be used twice a week in the morning before attending school.
- If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT test, they need to:
 - Record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app.
 - Notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible.
 - Follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days.
- Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

If you are unable to pick up the RAT kits on the above days, please contact the office on 9580 5243.

Regards,

Mrs Mateski
Principal