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Dear Parents and Caregivers

I write to advise you that Shalom College has today been informed by Queensland Health (Qld Health) that a Year 12 student of the College has been identified as a 'close contact' with regard to a COVID-19 exposure site in Bundaberg.

Qld Health is maintaining contact with the College and all Qld Health requirements and directions are being met and followed. There is currently no impact on school operations.

Qld Health request that any individuals displaying symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how mild, get tested immediately. I also take this opportunity to remind you that students who are unwell should not be at school.

I encourage all members of the Shalom College community to follow the COVID-19 updates provided on the Qld Health website. This website is consistently updated with any exposure sites the public needs to be aware of and clearly outlines the required action to be taken.

Qld Health advises that vaccination is the most effective way to protect against infectious diseases. All community members are encouraged to seek advice from their health practitioner as to the suitability to receive a vaccination having regard to their own health circumstances.

Shalom College, with the support of Catholic Education – Diocese of Rockhampton, will continue to work closely with Qld Health and we are very grateful for the advice and support that is being provided to us at this time.

I convey my thanks for your ongoing support and should you have any further questions please contact the school or check the Qld Health website https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/contact-tracing#QLD

Please be assured, if any further action is required in response to this situation, parents/caregivers will be informed.

Yours sincerely

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