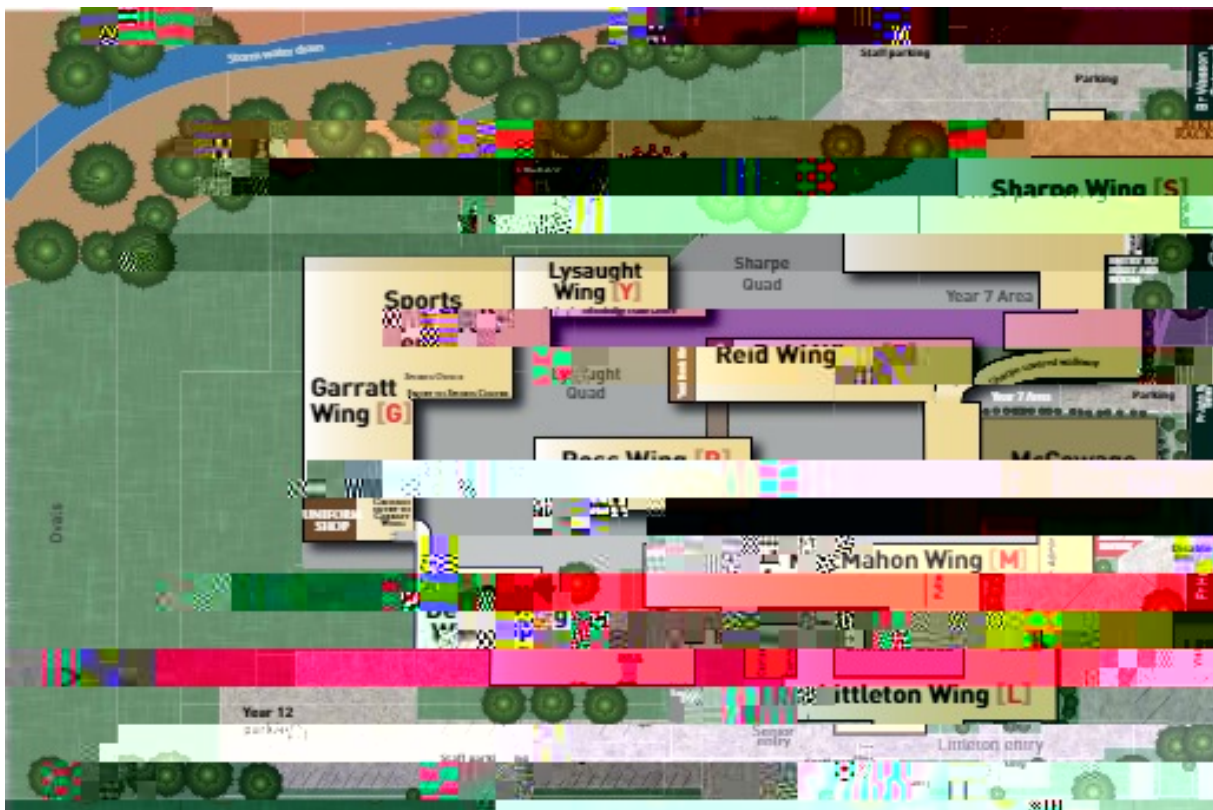


Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome our Year 7 students onsite this morning and we look forward to all Year groups returning to school tomorrow. Students will meet in the following quads tomorrow morning and Pastoral Leaders and Pastoral Tutors will be on hand to assist students.

**Year 7:** McCowage Hall, **Year 8:** Lysaught, **Year 9:** Dempsey, **Year 10:** McMahon, **Year 11/12:** Littleton



### **Rapid Antigen Tests**

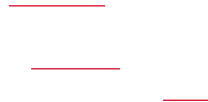
As I mentioned in my communication last week, the ACT Government has committed to providing two Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) to all students and school staff each week for the first 4 weeks of Term 1. I am pleased to let you know that Daramalan's allocation for the first week has arrived.

### **Distribution of tests:**

- All students will receive a sealed envelope containing their allocation of 2 tests on Tuesday 1 February during Period 6 from their PT teacher. Year 11 and 12 students who have a study line at this time must remain onsite for this lesson so as to receive their allocation from the PT teacher. They will not be able to access their tests early.
- A list will be kept by the PT teacher of those students who have received their allocation. Students who are absent on Tuesday will be able to collect their envelope/tests from the High School Office upon their return to school.
- Students will be given clear instructions that the tests are to be taken home and given to their parents/carers as soon as they get home. They will also be reminded that the tests need to be treated with care and respect.
- I would urge you to have a similar discussion with your student this evening prior to them receiving

the tests tomorrow afternoon.

- As I mentioned last week, the use of these tests is not compulsory, as was indicated by the Education Minister, and the College will not be asking families to report a negative test result. These tests form one part of the overall Covid-safety measures that are in place at the College.
- A negative test result is not required to be provided prior to students attending school.
- At no time will College staff perform a RAT on a student. If a student is unwell, they will be asked to attend First Aid, where their parent/carer will be contacted and asked to collect them. The



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