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Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School (GGS),

Consent and Respectful Relationships at GGS

Two past GGS students recently added their stories to an online petition regarding consent education in schools. The petition, which started in Sydney and has now been extended to schools across Australia, has received more than 5,000 responses.

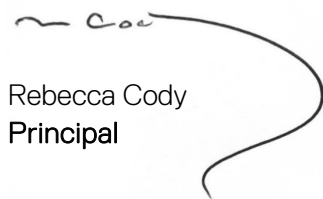
This is a time to listen and learn from those whose voices deserve to be heard and whose choice and courage to speak can make a positive difference for all young people. We stand beside our students, seeking to understand and willing to help. For Old Geelong Grammarians wishing to talk through their experiences or wishing to access counselling or support, we have an independent counsellor who can be contacted directly during business hours by calling 1800 799 139. For current students, we have on site medical and psychological services, as well as our expert pastoral and House staff.

At Geelong Grammar School we begin education regarding consent and positive and respectful relationships at Year 7 within our curriculum and with the support of external experts such as [BraveHearts](#). We revisit these themes annually in an age-appropriate manner, both within the formal curriculum and via student briefings and assemblies. Every term we review our approach and content to ensure we are prioritising the safety and wellbeing of our entire community.

If you have queries or concerns about the consent education we provide, or have suggestions to enhance our programmes, please write to wellbeing@ggs.vic.edu.au to arrange a conversation or leave a message.

In our coeducational context, I am especially mindful that this situation isn't about a gender divide; this is about human dignity and decency. Mostly it is about education and conversations that enable clarity and care.

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Cody
Principal