

Wednesday 29 January 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

## Novel Coronavirus - Update #2 as at 4.00pm on 29 January 2020

We remain alert but not alarmed about managing any potential risk to our community from the Novel Coronavirus. We continue to monitor the situation and, as ever, the safety, health and welfare of our students, staff and their families is our foremost priority.

- We acknowledge those families who visited mainland China recently and have chosen to self-isolate, which has been reflected in today's attendance records. This demonstrates their sensitivity and concern for public perception that may not always be medically based.
- I can confirm that there are no students from Wuhan City or the Hubei province enrolled at GGS. As per our published processes, any student who has travelled to or from Wuhan City and the Hubei province in the fourteen day period prior to arriving in Australia, must be kept at home or otherwise reside with a homestay provider for 14 days after their arrival in Australia. They will also require a Health Provider Report from a doctor registered in Australia after the 14 day period before commencing at GGS.

We are aware that the New South Wales and Western Australia governments have changed their advice for children returning to school. As per our usual practices, we will continue to follow the advice of the Australian Government Department of Health and the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services, in addition to information from the School's risk management partner, SOS International, and our Senior Medical Officer, Professor Fergus Cameron.

Once again, thank you for your assistance as we strive to keep our community well and safe. Should you require further information, regular updates may be found at:

<u>Australian Government - Department of Health</u>

Victorian Government - Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

<u>Victorian Government – Department of Education</u>

World Health Organization (WHO)

We encourage you to view these sites; GGS updates will be via our website as required.

Yours sincerely,

