



Friday 31 January 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

Novel Coronavirus – Update #3 as at 4.00pm on 31 January 2020

We remain vigilant and prepared for any potential risk to our community from the Novel Coronavirus. We have taken a highly precautionary approach based on the latest and best medical advice from the Australian Government Department of Health, the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services, the School's risk management partner, SOS International, and our Senior Medical Officer, Professor Fergus Cameron. We are already exceeding the measures recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO), which recently declared the Novel Coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency.

In addition to the steps previously outlined, we are:

- developing a travel register of staff and students who have travelled to China and arrived back in Australia after January 15 as a proactive and precautionary measure;
- closely monitoring student health across all our campuses;
- and highlighting the importance of hygiene to prevent the spread of germs and viral illnesses through informative posters and practical strategies, such as increasing the supply of hand sanitiser in our dining halls.

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:

[Australian Government – Department of Health](#)

[Victorian Government – Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\)](#)

[Victorian Government – Department of Education](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

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

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Cody
Principal