



Friday 22 January 2021

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

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #3 as at 2.00pm on Friday 22 January

As we near the start of a new school year, I am buoyed by the continued low level of community transmission of COVID-19 across Australia. Consequently, we welcome the announcement by Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews earlier today to ease border restrictions for New South Wales and Queensland. We also note Chief Health Officer Brett Sutton's optimism that "it might only be a matter of days" before there are further changes to the status of those remaining permit zones.

Permits and Testing

Please note that you will need to [apply for a permit](#) to enter Victoria from anywhere in Australia. It should take no more than five minutes to complete a permit application, which is processed automatically. We remain positive about the anticipated change to the status of Greater Sydney. If for some extraordinary reason, the existing "[orange zone](#)" status is not eased before the start of Term 1, we are actively mapping travel, testing and isolation processes to enable the safe and timely commencement of the school year for our Sydney-based families.

Risk Mitigation

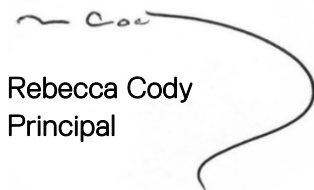
As ever, we will prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff as we evolve our wide-reaching risk mitigation steps in response to COVID-19. These measure will be campus-specific and will include an emphasis on spatial distancing, excellent hygiene practices, the completion of our [Daily COVID-19 Health Questionnaire](#) and the wearing of face coverings/masks as appropriate (e.g. in classrooms at Corio, on buses and other public/shared transport and in circumstances where spatial distancing requirements cannot be met).

We are delighted to have the opportunity to host our Staff Conference on-site at Corio next Wednesday and Thursday, January 27-28, bringing our people together for this important annual forum for professional learning, development and fellowship. We do so with strong endorsement from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) following a review of our comprehensive COVIDSafe Event Plan and a tour of the Corio campus.

Please also note we continue to refine the details of our COVIDSafe planning for our Family Day and Year 10 Parents' Dinner at Corio and will provide further information about these Term 1 events as soon as practicable.

Thank you for continuing to direct any COVID-19 related queries to C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Cody
Principal