



Sunday 2 February 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

Novel Coronavirus – Update #4 as at 6.30pm on 2 February 2020

We continue to closely monitor the development of the Novel Coronavirus outbreak and remain alert but not alarmed about potential risk to our community. As ever, the safety, health and welfare of our students, staff and their families is our primary concern and we continue to take 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 aware of the Australian Government's announcement of travel restrictions; that as of February 1, visitors from mainland China who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, or their dependents, will not be allowed entry into Australia.

Consequently, in addition to the steps previously outlined and as a further precaution, all staff and students who were:

- **in mainland China** (excluding Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) **on or after February 1**; or
- **in transit to Australia from mainland China on or after February 1**; or
- **arrived in Australia from mainland China on or after February 1**;

must self-isolate and should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China.

In addition, and as previously stated, staff and students must be isolated and not attend school for 14 days following exposure to any confirmed Novel Coronavirus case or after leaving the Hubei Province.

Based on the information available to us via the Travel Register we have been compiling, today we have been contacting families directly about our updated position.

All staff and students subject to self-isolation under all the above requirements can only return to school upon provision of a Health Provider Report from an Australian registered doctor which confirms they are fit to be at school and have no clinical evidence of Novel Coronavirus infection.

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:

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

[Victorian Government – Department of Education](#)

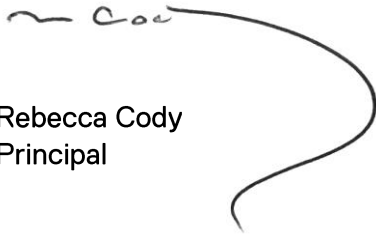
[Australian Government – Department of Health](#)

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

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

Mandarin translations of our advice will continue to be provided; Update #4 is currently being translated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Cody', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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