



Friday 12 February 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

**COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #8 as at 3.00pm on Friday 12 February**

Further to Update #7 published at 12.30pm today, we are moving swiftly to finalise details in response to Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews' announcement this afternoon of a [“circuit breaker” stage-four lockdown](#) across the State from 11.59pm tonight until 11.59pm on Wednesday (five days).

**What we can confirm:**

- All schools are closed for face-to-face teaching, so all day students will go home this afternoon as previously scheduled and stay home until further notice;
- Corio and Timbertop campuses will remain open as residential accommodation for boarding students to “shelter in place” and to continue to provide “essential care services” for these students – boarding students who choose to go home will not be able to return to campus until the lockdown has been lifted;
- Early Learning Centres at Bostock House and Toorak Campus will remain open;
- Corio and Toorak Campus will be open for on-site supervision of vulnerable children and the children of essential workers (a registration process will be activated over the weekend);
- Face coverings must be worn indoors and outdoors except if at home (which includes boarding houses and units);
- Indoor physical recreation and sport facilities such as the Handbury Centre for Wellbeing will be closed;
- Outdoor physical recreation and sport facilities and playgrounds will remain open; and
- APS sport is cancelled for Saturday 13 February.

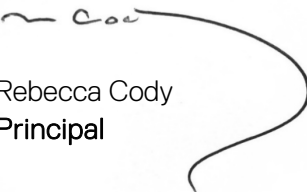
**What we are awaiting further information about:**

- Government requirements within residential communities; and
- The impact on our Timbertop programme, specifically if the Alpine National Park will be closed.

As ever, the School will communicate swiftly and accurately with our community as the situation evolves.

We anticipate distributing Update #9 later today and we encourage you to check the [COVID-19 page](#) of the School website frequently and monitor email alerts from Heads of Campus. Similarly, thank you for continuing to direct all COVID-19 related queries to [C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,

  
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