



Wednesday 18 March 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

**COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #13 as at 9.00am on Wednesday 18 March**

**Our status remains unchanged that, at the time of writing, we have no confirmed case of COVID-19 within our learning community; however, last night we received further notification of two more students who have been in contact with confirmed cases.**

As I outlined in Sunday's [Update #11](#), the School works closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to identify and manage notifiable disease reporting. Once the School has actioned reporting to the DHHS or acted upon a report received from the DHHS, we provide notification to our community. Appropriately, reporting to parents and guardians is required to be made in a manner which safeguards the privacy of those students who are the subject of such reports.

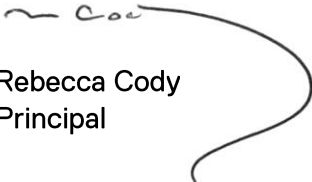
On Tuesday 17 March at approximately 7.00pm, the School was notified that following testing, both parents of two siblings, being students at Timbertop and Middle School respectively, received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. These parents had close contact with their children over the exeat weekend. The students were isolated in accordance with established practices at our Health Centres and arrangements made for their collection from School. The students have not presented any early symptoms of COVID-19. All parents of the relevant Timbertop Unit and Middle School House were informed of the situation by their Head of Campus last night.

As outlined in [Update #10](#) on Saturday, all classrooms, grounds and boarding residences will close for student learning and activities at 5.00pm this afternoon, Wednesday 18 March. Over the past few days we have experienced an orderly return of students into the care of their families and/or guardians and homestay providers.

Our Geelong Grammar educators remain mindful that the commencement of 2020 has brought multiple challenges. We would like to thank you all for your cooperation, understanding and support as we have navigated these complex times together.

We will continue to communicate with you as the situation evolves: I will be sharing a Video Statement with you in the next 24 hours that will serve as Update #14. From today onwards, email alerts for Updates will not be sent unless an urgent matter arises; instead, we continue to encourage you to check the Recent Statements page of our website. Post the close of remote learning for Term 1 on Friday 27 March, we also invite you to use [C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au) if you have any queries or concerns across the holiday period. Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,



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