



Friday 20 March 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #16 as at 5.00pm on Friday 20 March

Further to Update #15, which outlined that at 7.45am this morning, Friday 20 March 2020, the School received notification that following testing, a Senior School boarding student received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19:

- the School has collaborated with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) throughout the day;
- based on the information that we have been providing to the DHHS, it is in the process of identifying and differentiating between close and casual contacts within the School's residential context;
- the DHHS will contact families directly if they are deemed to be at high risk; and
- the School's Critical Incident Management Team will continue to work across the weekend to assist the DHHS to identify and manage notifiable disease reporting.

Timbertop Parents' Cocktail Party

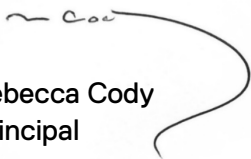
This afternoon, Friday 20 March, at 3.40pm, the School received notification that following testing, an additional attendee at the Timbertop Parents' Cocktail Party had received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. This brings the total to six adults who attended the Timbertop Parents' Cocktail Party who have received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. The School continues to work closely with the DHHS, providing further information about this event as required. The School is not suggesting and is unable to ascertain if this event was where these adults may have contracted the virus; we are merely sharing the facts as presented to the DHHS in a transparent manner; facts which highlight the connectivity of our broader School community.

Thank you

Again, it is most helpful when families communicate with the School in an open and timely manner thereby allowing us to liaise directly with the DHHS and to maintain transparent and proactive communication in the interests of the safety and welling of our community.

For further information, please refer to the Australian Government's [Department of Health website](#).

Yours sincerely,



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