



Saturday 21 March 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #17 as at 1.30pm on Saturday 21 March

Status Change – the School has been notified of a second confirmed case of COVID-19 within our learning community.

The School continues to work closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to identify and manage notifiable disease reporting.

This morning, Saturday 21 March 2020, at 11.20am, the School received notification that following testing, an additional Senior School boarding student at our Corio Campus received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. All parents of the Senior School House have been informed of this development by the Head of Campus.

Please note:

- as part of its contact tracing processes for confirmed COVID-19 cases, the DHHS will contact families directly if they are deemed to be at high risk;
- in order to assist with the required contact tracing for this diagnosis, the School is providing information to the DHHS of the configuration of the boarding arrangements in the House, the classes attended by the student, as well as their co-curricular and sport activities. You will appreciate that the connectivity within a boarding school context is especially complex. As such, our senior leaders are working tirelessly to provide extensive mapping information to assist the DHHS; and
- if further confirmed cases emerge, you will be notified ahead of the published Updates if your child shares a House with a student who has a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Timbertop Parents' Cocktail Party

Six adults who attended the Timbertop Parents' Cocktail Party in Toorak on Friday 6 March 2020 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 DHHS is aware that several attendees had been overseas in the weeks and days before this event. Currently, there is no suggestion from the DHHS that transmission may have occurred at this event. The School remains committed to sharing the facts with our community as presented to the DHHS in a transparent manner.

Thank you

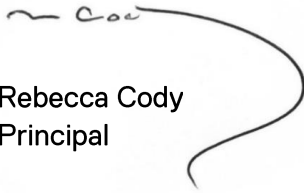
Please know that it continues to be most helpful when families communicate with the School in an open and timely manner thereby enabling us to fulfil our civic duties by cooperating directly with the DHHS. The maintenance of transparent and proactive communication is in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Please also continue to refer to the Australian Government's [Department of Health website](#). We encourage you to remain alert to the onset of symptoms and be kind to each other in such complex times.

Lastly for now, I know our community is actively supporting the health and wellbeing of those members who have received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. We are thinking of all concerned and wishing each person a swift recovery.

Stay safe, well and strong.

Yours sincerely,



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