



Monday 5 July 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #24 as at 3.30pm on Monday 5 July

Interstate Families – Corio and Timbertop

I trust you are well. This Update is to support interstate families with students enrolled at our Corio and Timbertop campuses.

We understand that the situation for our interstate families continues to be complex. We are thinking of you all and can well appreciate the pressures of lockdown.

Since the end of last week, we've been actively discussing how best to support our interstate students' needs at the commencement of Term 3. Given the various quarantining requirements, we anticipate classes at Corio and Timbertop may not have full cohorts until the commencement of Week 4. Across the two campuses, there are over 200 students who reside in Local Government Areas (LGAs) currently designated red or orange zones under [Victoria's travel permit system](#).

As such, we will reinstate our two-week planning cycle and will offer a hybrid model of class provision for Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3. Given the uniqueness of each context, these arrangements will be different for Corio and Timbertop students. Both provisions will provide synchronous and asynchronous class time via Zoom. In the coming days, further details will follow from each campus. We will review our practice for Week 3 once the Term is underway and restrictions across the country evolve again.

To help us with planning more broadly, the following [Term 3 Commencement Planning](#) form has been created. Please can you attend to this [form](#) as soon as possible. This information will then be collated to give us a more informed view of the current circumstances.

We continue to encourage interstate families to consider applying for individual exemptions to allow for their child to return to Victoria prior to the commencement of Term 3, and self-quarantine for the required period at an alternative location with a parent/guardian or emergency contact. This exemption application would be made under clause 14(6) of the *Victorian Border Crossing Permit Directions (No 17)* and will need to be supported by a letter from the School. Families who wish to proceed with this option, thereby requiring a letter of support, can notify the School via c19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au. When doing so, please provide the address in Victoria where this self-quarantine for the required period will be undertaken. An application for exemption may be made via [Victorian COVID-19 Border Entry](#).

The [summary of current interstate travel requirements](#), is provided by the School to assist with initial planning for return travel and seeks to provide a current source of information to facilitate travel to Victoria.

A reminder too that the [COVID-19 page](#) of the School website will be refreshed as required; we encourage you to check this site and thank you for continuing to direct all COVID-19 related queries to C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,


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Principal