



Friday 9 July 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

### COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #26 as at 1.00pm on Friday 9 July

We are very pleased to have received updated advice from the Department of Health (DoH) this morning that boarding students can seek a [Victoria Travel Permit](#) as a returning Victorian resident by indicating that the School is their home address. Previously, the DoH had required students travelling from a designated **Red Zone** to seek an exemption to enter Victoria. This is no longer the case. This is a positive development; however, as outlined in [Update 25](#), students travelling from a designated **Red Zone** or **Orange Zone** cannot undertake the required quarantine period at the School and must seek an alternative location with a parent/guardian or emergency contact.

**Please note that all travellers entering Victoria from anywhere in Australia or New Zealand must apply for a [Victoria Travel Permit](#).**

Accordingly, applications for Permits can be made on the basis **the student is a Victorian resident returning to Victoria.**

If travelling from a designated **Red Zone**, when applying for a Permit for the student, you should select **“I’m a Victorian coming home from a Red Zone”**. The address details should be entered as follows:

- The student’s home address in the designated Red Zone should be entered for the address **“I’m leaving from”**;
- The address details for the School’s Corio or Timbertop campuses, being 50 Biddlecombe Avenue, Corio for the Corio campus or 145 Grammar School Road, Merrijig for Timbertop, should be entered for the address **“Home Address”**;
- The address at which the period of quarantine will be completed should be entered as the **“Main Destination”**.

If travelling from a designated **Orange Zone**, when applying for a Permit for the student, the address details should be entered as follows:

- The student’s home address in the Orange Zone should be entered for the address **“I’m leaving from”**;
- The address at which the period of quarantine will be completed should be entered as the **“Main Destination”**.

For travel, the student will need to carry the Permit once issued, together with their Student ID card and a letter from the School which confirms their enrolment as a boarding student. This correspondence is no longer required to be provided to the DoH with the Permit application but will be asked for at the border if the Permit is checked. To be provided with a letter of confirmation of enrolment, please contact [c19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:c19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au). In your email, please provide the student’s full name, date of birth and year level. A letter of confirmation of enrolment will be sent to you for the student to carry when travelling to Victoria.

We are continuing to seek clarity from the DoH regarding applications for parents to accompany students, should they wish to do so. As we continue our efforts to obtain advice from DoH, we recommend parents seek support from the student’s emergency contact in the first instance.

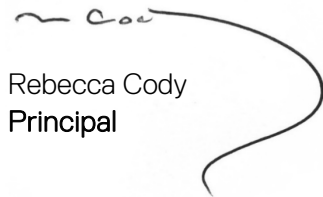
As ever, the School will communicate swiftly and accurately with our community as the situation evolves and specific information will be provided to our families in designated Red Zones and Orange Zones.

We anticipate regular updates will be required in the coming days and weeks. The [COVID-19 page](#) of the School website will be refreshed accordingly; 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](mailto:C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au).

Our Heads of Campus at Corio and Timbertop will very shortly provide specific information about logistics and requirements for bus transport and remote learning. We apologise for the delay as we map our way through the complexities and uncertainties of the evolving pandemic and related Government guidelines.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,



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