



Monday 19 July 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #31 as at 5.30pm on Monday 19 July

Whilst we are disappointed by the extension of the [stage-four lockdown](#) across Victoria beyond 11.59pm tomorrow, Tuesday 20 July, we are heartened by our community's positive response and our students' capacity to transition successfully to remote learning. As we await a further announcement from Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews tomorrow morning, we continue to provide excellent care for the health, safety and wellbeing of our students on campus at Corio and Timbertop.

Public exposure sites

The Department of Health (DoH) is actively identifying and updating its list of [public exposure sites](#). This is a very dynamic situation and we strongly encourage our community to monitor risk locations. It is vital that our community follows the DoH guidelines for testing and isolation: if you have visited a public exposure site during the times listed and/or if you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, please test and isolate until further direction is provided. It is also vital that if you or a close contact have visited a public exposure site and visited one of our campuses that you notify the School via C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au.

Travelling from New South Wales and ACT

We have been particularly pleased by the positive progress for families seeking an exemption as accompanying adults to travel and quarantine with students in Victoria when travelling from a designated Red Zone. We are continuing to liaise closely with our NSW and ACT families to help facilitate the safe and timely return of all our students to campus. We have also developed a Return to Campus Declaration Form for those families who have completed quarantine in Victoria. This form will be shared from the appropriate campus.

Term 3 Exeat – Corio and Timbertop

At this stage, we anticipate that our Mid-Term Exeat will proceed as planned from Friday 13 August to Monday 16 August (Corio) and Tuesday 17 August (Timbertop): however, there is a strong likelihood that travel restrictions will present a challenge for many of our interstate students, and as such, we encourage these families to consider their arrangements for Exeat. We are a highly connected and supportive community, so we will be leaning into this strength to care for all those concerned. This will include developing a register of families that require accommodation for their child/children across Exeat and families that have the capacity to provide accommodation for interstate students unable to travel home for Exeat. Please be assured that collaboratively and creatively we will find a way to care for all effected boarding students.

Upcoming Events

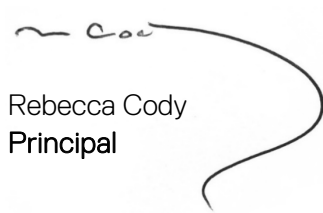
We are actively reviewing several upcoming events, including the Timbertop Parents' Dinner scheduled for Friday 13 August. As per above, we anticipate interstate travel restrictions will present a challenge for many families, particularly from NSW and ACT; accordingly, and in the spirit of inclusivity, we will be postponing this dinner until further notice. We acknowledge the disappointment this may cause yet remain optimistic that our Timbertop parents will have the opportunity to re-connect at the Year 10 (for 2022) Information Session and Parent Gathering at Corio on Saturday 11 September and GGS Athletics Carnival on Sunday 12 September.

Next steps

The [COVID-19 page](#) of the School website will continue to 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.

To close this Update, I would particularly like to celebrate our cleaning staff and our Health Centre teams across our four campuses, along with all those, including our sensational House Assistants (often affectionately known as 'Matey'), who continue to give selflessly to care for our boarders in these changing times.

Yours sincerely,



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