



Wednesday 27 May 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #31 as at 3.00pm on Wednesday 27 May

Thank you to all of our students, staff and families who have embraced patience, understanding, care and cooperation to enable a smooth return to On Campus Learning and Living at Bostock, Corio and Toorak campuses. It has been a joy to have students back on our campuses and I applaud them for demonstrating maturity and integrity by following the processes and protocols in place to keep students and staff safe.

We are asking all of our students and staff to practise and promote the superpowers of great hygiene and spatial distancing, with Senior School students adhering to 14 days of 'internal group isolation' within each House to actively manage and mitigate the risk of COVID-19 infection and the potential of reinfection cycles. The resetting of routines can take time, yet the benefits of taking personal responsibility and accepting these changes are well worth the effort. We have also implemented comprehensive screening processes and I would remind students, staff and families of the importance of completing the [Daily COVID-19 Health Questionnaire](#) and carefully managing the drop-off and pick-up of students.

In the event of a student being unwell on campus, I kindly remind parents and guardians that they will be required to assist in the immediate collection of the student from campus. In order to mitigate the risk of infection, it is vital that the collection process be facilitated in a cooperative and prompt manner.

Fees

As detailed in [Update 21](#), the School will invoice the Term 3 fees during the course of next week, with payments due no later than the first day of Term 3 please. The applicable credits for Term 2 will be applied to the invoices in accordance with the following criteria:

- For Corio boarding students, fees will be charged for the number of weeks where a student has been in residence on campus in Term 2;
- Where the Remote Learning@GGS programme remains the key delivery platform for teaching, the reduction to the tuition element of the fees will remain in place. Accordingly, for students in Years 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12, the 15% deduction to the tuition element of the fees will apply for the entirety of Term 2; that is, for Weeks 1 to 10;
- Where face-to-face learning has recommenced at our Bostock House and Toorak campuses and at Corio for Years 5 and 6, the 25% deduction to the tuition fees will only apply for that period of time where Remote Learning@GGS was in place; specifically, Weeks 1 to 6 of Term 2 for Prep to Year 2, and Weeks 1 to 8 of Term 2 for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6; and
- For Timbertop students, where the full learning and living on campus program resumes, full fees will be charged for the final four (4) weeks of Term 2, which will be incorporated into the remodelled Term 3, which in total is a full 14-week program. Fee invoices will also include required on campus COVID-19 testing costs for students.

Overseas Students

A separate communication for overseas families will be distributed later today via our Overseas Student Officer, Emily Scarlett.

Key Dates and Information

We look forward to welcoming the remaining students across all of our campuses in the coming fortnight:

- Bostock House Year 3 and 4 students will commence learning on campus from Monday 8 June;
- Toorak Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students will commence learning on campus from Tuesday 9 June;
- Middle School boarding students (Years 5, 6, 7 and 8) will commence a staggered return to our Corio campus from Sunday 7 June, with learning scheduled to commence for all Middle School students on Monday 8 June. Our Head of Middle School, Michelle Phillips, will be distributing a survey later today to assist our planning for the return of On Campus Learning and Living, particularly the physical requirements (dormitory configuration) outlined in the [AHPPC guidelines for re-opening boarding schools and school-based residential colleges](#); and
- Timbertop Year 9 students will commence a staggered return to campus from Monday 8 June. A dedicated [Timbertop micro-site](#) has been created as a central space for questions regarding the return of students to the Timbertop campus.

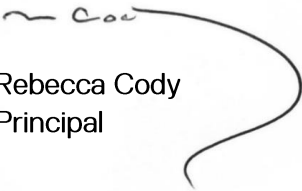
Communication and Planning

We continue to actively monitor State and Federal Government guidelines and advice, and our planning cycle will remain within a two-week timeframe until the end of Term 2. We are hopeful that between now and the commencement of Term 3, positive progress to manage COVID-19 across the globe will enable an easing of travel restrictions and requirements. As such, the [COVID-19 page](#) of the School website will continue to be refreshed regularly; we encourage you to check this site frequently and monitor email alerts from Heads of Campus.

Similarly, a reminder to please direct all related queries to:

- RemoteLearning@ggs.vic.edu.au; and
- C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,


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