



Thursday 11 June 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #33 as at 6.00pm on Thursday 11 June

It has been a joy to welcome the return of all remaining year levels across our four campuses this week. Our students, staff and families continue to adapt positively to the new COVID-19 processes and protocols that have been implemented to keep everyone safe. Thank you for successfully resetting routines and optimising the end of Semester 1.

We are asking all of our students and staff to remain vigilant and continue to practise and promote the superpowers of great hygiene and spatial distancing, whilst our returning Timbertop students are currently adhering to 14 days of 'internal group isolation' within each Unit to actively mitigate the risk of COVID-19 infection and the potential of reinfection cycles. We have confidence in our comprehensive screening processes and continue to encourage our community to comply with [Victorian Government COVID-19 guidelines](#), for the remainder of Term 2 and during the upcoming school holidays. This extends to [today's Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\) advice](#) for anyone who attended the Black Lives Matter march in Melbourne. Attendees must remain vigilant and if symptoms develop, isolate at home and be tested as a matter of urgency.

As ever, students should stay home if they are unwell. In the event of a student being unwell on campus, parents and guardians will be required to assist in their immediate collection. In order to mitigate the risk of infection, it is vital that the collection process be facilitated in a cooperative and prompt manner. For interstate, overseas and regional families, it is essential that guardians have the immediate capacity to collect students and to accommodate them until they are cleared to return to campus. Please review guardian arrangements if this cannot be facilitated as required.

Our Heads of Campus will be in contact with campus-specific information regarding End of Term arrangements at Bostock House, Corio and Toorak.

Term 3

We continue to actively monitor State and Federal Government guidelines and advice, and our planning cycle will remain within a two-week timeframe. Arrangements for Term 3 are dependent on those same guidelines.

The State of Emergency in Victoria will expire on June 21 and Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews, has said that the State will look to further relax restrictions from June 22 if transmission rates remain low and testing rates remain high. Consequently, we anticipate and are planning for a number of possibilities:

- We are hopeful that the most likely scenario involves cases and community transmissions diminishing so significantly that Government restrictions are lessened, with GGS's protocols reflecting these changes;
- If the State of Emergency is extended, our risk mitigation practices would continue as per the final four weeks of Term 2; and
- In the unlikely event that cases and community transmissions rise so significantly that the Government announces school closures, GGS would return to a full Remote Learning model.
- Please note, unless school closures are reinstated, the Remote Learning@GGS programme will not be offered beyond Friday 19 June.

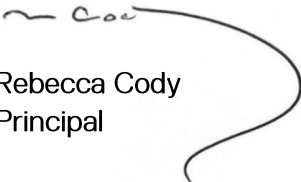
Please be reassured that the School will communicate with you swiftly and accurately as the situation evolves. As such, the [COVID-19 page](#) of the School website will continue to be refreshed regularly; we encourage you to check this site frequently and monitor email alerts from Heads of Campus.

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

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

Stay well and thank you for your understanding and support as we navigate complex times.

Yours sincerely,


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