



Thursday 9 July 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

**COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #37 as at 7.30pm on Thursday 9 July**

**Travel to and from metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire to Bostock House and Corio**

Following yesterday's [Update #36](#), the School was advised that as “work” and “study” are two of the legitimate reasons for movement under the Victorian Government's [Stage 3 restrictions](#), staff and students who reside in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire but work or study outside of that designated area can travel there to do so. If you are in these metropolitan areas and require a letter from the School to assist your travel to and from one of our campuses, please email [C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au) with the relevant details (student name, campus and name of person/s who will drive the student to school).

**Testing at Corio Campus**

We also received further information from the private testing practice conducting COVID-19 tests onsite at Corio on Tuesday 14 July and Wednesday 15 July. Given the Government's understandable current priority to test North Melbourne and Flemington public housing towers, healthcare workers and inpatients at hospitals, such an increased demand is likely to lengthen the processing times. We now anticipate that it will take a maximum of five days to receive all test results. Consequently, classes for Year 7-12 students will be taught remotely (in boarding and day Houses, and in classrooms for Years 5 and 6 students) from Tuesday 14 July until tests results are returned; our planning is for all students to resume face-to-face classes no later than Monday 20 July. Remote learning will be provided no longer than is absolutely required to support our risk mitigation strategies. As outlined in [Update #36](#), **all students are required to undertake a COVID-19 test within 24 hours of arrival at Corio.**

**Conditions of Return**

All Corio parents must also accept the [COVID-19 specific Conditions of Return to On Campus Learning and Living](#), which have been updated to reflect changed government guidelines and to include the requirements as to onsite COVID-19 testing and the associated cost (\$110 inclusive of GST), which will be included on the Student Fee Statement when issued.

**NSW Families**

For families travelling from New South Wales (NSW), the NSW Government position that now applies is that a NSW resident who leaves NSW to transport their child to school will require a border entry permit in order to return to NSW and must immediately self-isolate for a period of 14 days following their return from Victoria. A permit can be obtained the [Service NSW website](#). This site also has general information about border entry permits and links to further sites detailing the self-isolation guidelines.

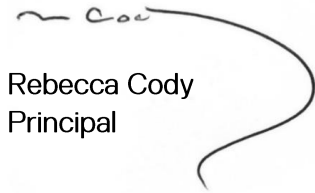
**Gratitude**

Whilst we acknowledge that some may find the measures outlined in [Update #36](#) challenging, in the current context we consider ourselves incredibly fortunate that our three campuses outside of metropolitan Melbourne (Bostock House, Corio and Timbertop) are able to offer face to face learning . Adhering to protocols that mitigate risks may well represent inconvenience; however, in comparison to the potential for very serious health ramifications that many continue to experience due to the unpredictable effects of this disease on individuals and clusters, keeping a focus on what it is we can control is a helpful choice. It is important to underline that following the [Victorian Government COVID-19 guidelines](#) and taking

personal responsibility by demonstrating excellent hygiene practices and spatial distancing will continue to be imperative and of enormous benefit to everyone in our community.

As ever, 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. Your support as we endeavour to avoid partial and periodic campus closures is valued dearly; thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal