



Tuesday 28 July 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #42 as at 2.00pm on Tuesday 28 July

Status Update – the School has been notified of a contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our community. Whilst there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at GGS, please note the following proactive and preventative steps.

Toorak Campus

This morning, the School received notification that an employee (not a classroom teacher) at our Toorak Campus has been identified as a close contact of a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. The employee has not presented symptoms of the virus, upon notification left campus immediately to be tested and will remain off campus until they have received a negative COVID-19 test result. Our initial investigation has not identified any students as close contacts of the employee. As a proactive and preventive measure, we will temporarily close our Toorak Campus for a deep clean. The site will be closed for the next 48 hours, effective from 4pm today. Head of Campus, Nicole Ginnane, will provide further information to our Toorak Campus families as it is available.

Timbertop

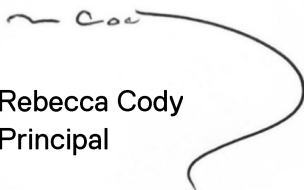
Yesterday evening, the Mt Buller Resort Management Board confirmed that a member of their staff had tested positive to COVID-19. Our understanding is that this staff member is employed in a part of the resort that our students and staff do not access. We have followed comprehensive hygiene practices and risk mitigation procedures when visiting Mt Buller. We will monitor this situation closely and take whatever further action is required to maintain our precautionary approach. As such, the staff at Timbertop are in the process of designing an alternative programme for this week's rotation of Wednesday/Thursday ski days but hope to return to Mt Buller the following week.

Corio Campus

This morning, a number of Middle School boarding students in Barwon House presented with cold and flu-like symptoms. There has been no known exposure to COVID-19 in our Middle School. As per our risk management procedures, these students are being tested on campus for COVID-19 and other winter viruses. Arrangements are in place for these students to self-isolate off campus until they have received a negative COVID-19 test result.

As ever, we will continue to prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff. The School also remains committed to transparent communication; sharing the facts with our community via ongoing Updates as promptly as possible is important to us.

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Cody
Principal