



Saturday 28 August 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

**COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #45 as at 12.30pm on Saturday 28 August**

**Public Exposure Sites – Corio**

As the Department of Health (DoH) continues to actively identify and update its list of [public exposure sites](#), an operational staff member has today identified as having visited a Tier 1 exposure site in Geelong prior to the lockdown of regional Victoria. Please note:

- The staff member has done nothing wrong and continues to be highly compliant with the School's COVIDSafe practices;
- The staff member was on-site at Corio across five shifts from Tuesday 17 August to Friday 27 August;
- The staff member did not supervise and/or have direct contact with students;
- The staff member is asymptomatic and was fully vaccinated (two doses) prior to the exposure;
- The staff member was tested this morning and is required to quarantine for 14 days from the date of exposure;
- Given the limited potential for exposure, we are adopting a cautionary stance, as recommended by the School's Senior Medical Officer and Barwon Health, and will facilitate testing of all on-site Corio students and communicate the need for testing to all off-site Corio students, if required, upon receipt of the staff member's test result; and
- Impacted venues will be closed for required cleaning.

As we have done throughout the pandemic, we continue to take a highly precautionary approach that prioritises the safety, health and wellbeing of our students, staff and their families. I wish to acknowledge the calm, professional and positive manner of our Corio staff to minimise risk and care for our students. We also have great faith in our existing COVIDSafe protocols and processes, including wearing of face masks, exceptional hygiene practices and appropriate spatial distancing, to keep our community safe. These protocols and processes have served us well to date.

**Next Steps**

As ever, the School will communicate swiftly and accurately with our community as the situation evolves. Thank you for continuing to direct all COVID-19 related queries to [C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au).

I am so grateful for how swiftly our teams and boarding students responded this morning. We are also blessed to have staff who respect our context and its needs so deeply that they faithfully follow restrictions and expectations.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Cody  
Principal