



Monday 6 September 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

### **COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #48 as at 4.00pm on Monday 6 September**

We continue to closely monitor the Delta outbreak in Victoria and note the comments by the Chief Health Officer, Dr Brett Sutton, that regional Victoria is “on track” to have some restrictions eased this week.

#### **September Holiday Provisions at Corio**

As outlined in [Update #46](#), our Corio Campus will remain open across the September school holidays as an “authorised provider” (boarding school context) of residential services for Corio and Timbertop boarding students. Confirmation of places will be personalised to families with programme details and costs to follow.

We also wish to thank all those Victorian-based GGS families who have volunteered to provide accommodation for students across the school holiday period. The way our community continues to support each other is uplifting.

#### **Queensland Border Restrictions**

We welcome yesterday’s announcement by Queensland Health that it is finalising a [boarding school class exemption](#) to enable boarding school students to enter and leave Queensland during the upcoming September school holidays.

- All boarding school students returning Queensland from a [Queensland Government designated COVID-19 hotspot](#) will need to quarantine upon entry to Queensland for 14 days;
- Returning students are permitted to quarantine at home, in other suitable private accommodation (such as an Airbnb), or in hotel quarantine;
- All household members who choose to stay in a private residence with a returning student will also need to quarantine for the 14 days;
- Students and accompanying adults arriving in Queensland from Victoria must enter Queensland by air;
- A student under the age of 18 years arriving in Queensland by air unaccompanied will be required to be met by a parent/guardian at the arriving airport;
- Families can apply for an individual exemption in relation to any specific situations not covered by the class exemption; and
- The class exemption applies until 10 October 2021, unless it is amended or revoked.

Queensland Health is asking families to complete an [online form](#) prior to travelling to provide information about their entry dates, method of arrival and quarantine location before they enter Queensland.

#### **Interstate Travel**

We strongly encourage families to be aware that interstate travel restrictions are subject to change at any time and families need to assess their own risk when planning travel, including for their return to Victoria for the start of Term 4.

#### **Vaccinations**

It is a requirement of RMIT Medical Hub that students utilising the on-site vaccination hub at Corio must have both Pfizer vaccination doses administered by RMIT Medical Hub at Corio. If students have received their first vaccine at another vaccination hub or clinic, they will be unable to have their second vaccine at the

on-site vaccination hub. Likewise, if their first vaccine is received through RMIT Medical Hub, they should not organise to have their second dose elsewhere.

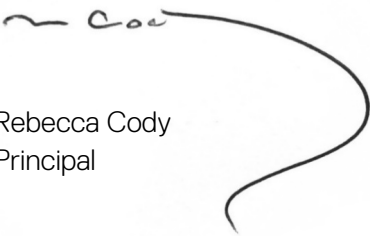
Given Government guidelines, eligibility and availability of supplies, we are yet to establish an on-site vaccination hub at Timbertop. We encourage families wishing to have their child/children vaccinated during the September school holidays to explore opportunities with a local vaccination hub, doctor, pharmacy or community health service.

**Please note: vaccinations are voluntary and only administered with consent (being parental consent, or student consent for 18-year-olds who are legally able to consent to medical treatment).**

### **Next Steps**

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

Yours sincerely,



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