



Wednesday 12 August 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #53 as at 5.00pm on Wednesday 12 August

We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelmingly positive and supportive feedback from our community in response to yesterday's [Update #52](#) and the acknowledgement of the exceptional efforts to provide a stable, COVID-free environment at Timbertop and Corio for as long as we have – for 9 weeks across Terms 2 and 3 at Corio; and for 11 weeks of a reorganised Term 3 at Timbertop. This has taken an extraordinary amount of commitment, care and cooperation, and I again applaud our phenomenal staff, students and families for their collective efforts across this challenging time.

Remote Learning 2.0

I have been uplifted by the excellent response to the progression of our Remote Learning@GGS 2.0 programme. We are benefiting from our experiences in Terms 1 and 2, the constructive feedback from staff, students and families, as well as consultation and collaboration with schools all over the world to deliver the most effective remote learning and teaching experience. We are also benefiting from generous and creative cross-campus collaboration – our Toorak Campus has been delivering remote learning from the start of Term 3, with Bostock House and Corio completing the first full-week cycle of remote learning yesterday. As previously noted, our Timbertop campus will be closed from Friday 14 August and our Remote Learning@GGS 2.0 programme will commence for Timbertop students from Wednesday 19 August; concluding at the scheduled end of the reorganised 14-week Term 3, on Tuesday 8 September.

A reminder too that students may access ongoing learning and wellbeing support through a range of structures, which are outlined on the [COVID-19 page](#) of the School website.

Transport and Interstate Travel

We are in the process of finalising structured travel arrangements to enable a safe and orderly departure from Corio and Timbertop on Friday 14 August. Our Heads of Campus, Steven Church and Tom Hall, will contact families directly with specific exit information (Monday 17 August) and travel arrangements and bus booking information.

Our Director of Corporate Services, Bronwen Charleson, and Corporate Services and Overseas Student Officer, Emily Scarlett, continue to liaise with the relevant authorities regarding State and Territory border exemption requirements. We encourage you not to book flights without the relevant permit or exemption approval. To expedite permits and exemptions, supporting letters from GGS may be requested by email to C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au

For a full list of interstate travel restrictions and exemption requirements please [click here](#).

Closure of Timbertop and Provision of Accommodation Services (with Remote Learning) at Corio

As outlined in [Update #52](#), if it is not safe and practical for students to return home, we are able and eager to provide accommodation and remote learning on site at Corio. If your child requires “on site accommodation services” at Corio please complete the [registration form](#) by 4.00pm on Thursday 13 August.

Our focus is now on continuing to provide an exceptional remote learning experience for all our students for the remaining weeks of Term 3, whilst also working optimistically and purposefully towards the start of Term 4.

Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Cody".

Rebecca Cody
Principal

