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Friday 25 September 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

**COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #59 as at 1.00pm on Friday 25 September**

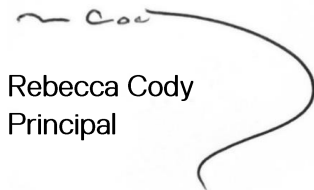
We are buoyed by the positive progress of Victoria's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) roadmap to reopening](#), with today's case numbers representing the third consecutive day that metropolitan Melbourne's 14-day rolling average has been below 30, whilst regional Victoria's 14-day rolling average has declined sharply to 0.8 with no new cases from unknown sources recorded in the past eight days. Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has confirmed that he will announce further easing of restrictions on Sunday 27 September and we will continue to closely monitor any changes to public health advice in consultation with our Senior Medical Officer, Professor Fergus Cameron. As ever, we will prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff as we evolve our wide-reaching risk mitigation steps in response to the pandemic.

We are excited and well prepared for the staggered return of students and staff to on-site learning and living in Term 4, which is now just a little over a week away – it will be phenomenal to experience the energy and joy of being together again! The start of Term 4 arrangements for each of our campuses was summarised in [Update #58](#) with reference to the restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria in the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) roadmap](#) and the Department of Education and Training (DET) [return to school Term 4 plan](#).

As we continue to work purposefully and proactively towards the resumption of on-campus learning and living in Term 4, we acknowledge our disappointment that many of our overseas families will be unable to join us due to travel and border restrictions. I have written separately to our overseas families, commending their courage, commitment and resilience during this extremely difficult time, and outlining the remote support available to them during Term 4. It saddens me deeply that these families will not be with us in the near future. It will be cause for tremendous celebration to welcome them back when Australia's borders reopen and travel restrictions ease.

Be well and thank you for your ongoing understanding and support as we map our way through these unusual times.

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Cody  
Principal