



**GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL®**  
EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Friday 13 November 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

### **COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #66 as at 1.00pm on Friday 13 November**

We remain grateful and optimistic about the positive progress of Victoria's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) roadmap to reopening](#) and continue to closely monitor the daily updates on the presence of COVID-19 across the State. We are delighted and relieved that Victoria has recorded 14 consecutive days of no new cases, that consequently Melbourne's 14-day rolling average for new cases has dropped to zero and that regional Victoria's rolling average remains at zero. There are currently just three active COVID-19 cases in Victoria, all in metropolitan Melbourne. Victoria is now expected to move to the [last step of the roadmap](#) from Sunday 22 November before a phased return to COVID Normal.

### **International Baccalaureate**

We congratulate our Year 12 International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme graduates as they conclude their final examination today. These students have maintained a high level of commitment to and engagement in their learning throughout an extremely challenging year. Their preparation and diligence have seen them travel calmly and confidently throughout their examination period and they should feel incredibly proud of their achievements and emboldened in their belief in their capacity to succeed and remain buoyant in the face of challenge.

We continue to advocate strongly with the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO) senior leadership for recognition of the challenges our IB students have faced throughout this year. We welcome the recent announcement that the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will implement a new disadvantage code for all Victorian IB students applying for undergraduate courses through the UAC. The UAC processes applications for admission to most undergraduate courses at tertiary institutions in NSW and the ACT. Institutions working with the UAC have agreed to implement a new disadvantage code (VOIB) on the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) specifically for IB students in Victoria to acknowledge the impact of COVID-19. This means applicants who have been assessed to meet this disadvantage may be eligible for EAS adjustments. IB students simply need to apply for course entry to UAC by Friday 4 December. All applicants will receive an email notification of the action taken by UAC on their behalf and an eligibility letter outlining which institutions will add EAS adjustment factors to their rank.

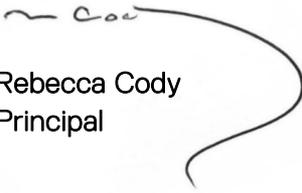
### **Sewage Surveillance**

As a proactive and preventative strategy within our high-risk boarding environment, we recently commenced a sewage surveillance programme to test for fragments of the COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) virus at Corio and Timbertop. Testing sewage can help provide early warning of undetected infections. I am very relieved and pleased to report that all test results received to date have been negative.

We will continue to adapt our COVIDSafe measures in the usual GGS two-week planning cycle. We have commenced mapping end of Term 4 arrangements. As ever, our Heads of Campus will communicate the associated details in a timely manner.

Thank you for your ongoing support and care for our community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Cody', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then curves back down.

Rebecca Cody  
Principal