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Thursday 20 February 2020

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to tell you of a tragic incident at our School.

After being absent from morning roll call, a Year 12 student in Cuthbertson House was found dead in his room this morning by his Head of House.

Police and ambulance were called to the School at 8.40am, followed by the coroner.

There are no suspicious circumstances.

We are shocked and deeply saddened beyond words. The loss of a young life is devastating. The range of emotions and reactions to loss of life are unpredictable and the depth of grieving not always immediate. We need to support each other – our students, our staff, our families and our wider community. We are stronger together.

Our responses and grief can only be a fraction of what this boy's family are enduring at this time. We are praying for them, especially his parents, and we will continue to wrap them in the love, strength and kindness of our School.

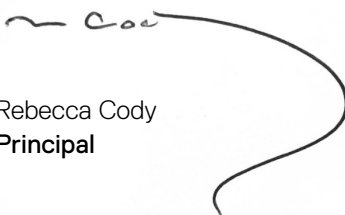
We understand you will have concerns for your own child and their wellbeing. We have held sessions with students and staff from Cuthbertson House and our Year 12 Prefect group, whilst Senior School students attended a special assembly at 12.45pm and it was discussed in an age appropriate way with our Middle School students at today's 3.15pm assembly. Our GGS team of psychologists on site has been joined by our Chaplaincy team, as well as additional external expertise to guide and support our students and staff.

With such tragic circumstances, none of us are aware of each family's own background and experiences. We will be providing opportunities for you to spend time with your child as required. Any leave requests will be managed via [Sally McLean](#), Assistant to Vice Principals.

We will continue to communicate directly with you and our broader school community as regularly as we are able.

Please visit the [Recent Statement page](#) of the School website for updates and resources for you as parents to navigate this tragedy.

Yours sincerely,


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