



**GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL®**  
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Thursday 7 January 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School (GGS),

### **COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #1 as at 11.00am on Thursday 7 January**

Whilst I hadn't anticipated writing to you so soon in 2021, the ever-evolving complexities of COVID-19 have prompted the publication of our first Update for the year.

#### **New South Wales (NSW) Families**

I confirm we are in direct communication with the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET) regarding the movement of students from NSW. We have sought guidance as to an applicable exemption for students travelling to Victoria by bus via means of a sterile corridor and also what requirements the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) may have with regard to testing prior to travel to our Corio and Timbertop campuses. The Department has acknowledged the time sensitivities of such advices and we shall communicate further to families once a response is to hand.

#### **COVID-19 Related Queries**

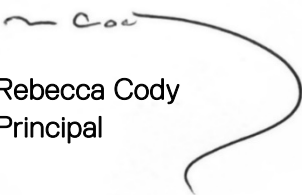
As per our 2020 practice, please contact [C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au) should you seek assistance with COVID related matters. Given the nature of the pandemic, it may well be too soon to have answers for a number of queries; as ever though, we will be timely and transparent with our communication.

#### **New Year Greetings**

As this is my first communique for 2021, may I also extend my warmest New Year greetings to all GGS families. Of course, we knew that a change of date was not going to bring an end to the pandemic, yet we can be forgiven for dreaming of a beginning, free from the contagion. Instead of lamenting the ongoing frustrations, we can choose to take comfort from our past experiences and know that collectively, we can support one another and make a positive difference for our community. It is in this spirit that our GGS team is quietly preparing for all eventualities: whilst it is premature to confirm the arrangements to commence the academic year, predicting an ongoing need for adaptability and resourcefulness is our underlining principle.

It was this same responsiveness and enterprise in 2020 that supported our Year 12 leavers to demonstrate the progress made and achieve their aspirations. Our median ATAR for the cohort was 81.7. Early in Term 1 we will celebrate our leavers, as well as a number of our 2020 Year 11s who excelled in their chosen courses. Fittingly, I again wish to acknowledge all our staff for their extraordinary efforts last year and pay tribute to the tenacity and strength of our senior students.

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Cody  
Principal