

Friday 29 January 2021

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

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) - Update #4 as at 4.00pm on Friday 29 January

We are excited and well prepared for the start of the 2021 school year. We warmly welcome the announcement by Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews earlier today to further ease border restrictions for New South Wales. With the exception of Cumberland in the western suburbs, all Local Government Areas (LGAs) in Greater Sydney will be designated "green zones" from 6.00pm tonight. This is another fantastic step towards a COVIDSafe 2021 and underlines the continued low level of community transmission of COVID-19 across Australia.

Permits

Please note that you will need to <u>apply for a permit</u> to enter Victoria from anywhere in Australia. It should take no more than five minutes to complete a permit application, which is processed automatically.

Risk Mitigation

We will continue to take a highly precautionary approach and prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff as we evolve our wide-reaching risk mitigation steps in response to COVID-19. These measures will be campus-specific and will include an emphasis on spatial distancing, excellent hygiene practices, the completion of our Daily COVID-19 Health Questionnaire and the wearing of face coverings/masks as appropriate (e.g. in classrooms at Corio and Timbertop, on buses and other public/shared transport and in circumstances where spatial distancing requirements cannot be met).

Thank you for continuing to direct all COVID-19 related queries to C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au

We were delighted to host our Staff Conference on-site at Corio earlier this week. The theme of the conference was 'The Power of Conversations'. It was uplifting to join colleagues from all our four campuses for this important annual forum prioritising professional learning, development and fellowship. We are energised and grateful for the opportunity to welcome our students to 2021 living and learning at GGS across the coming days.

Yours sincerely,

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