



Monday 15 February 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

### **COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #10 as at 2.30pm on Monday 15 February**

#### **Thank you**

I am incredibly grateful for the calm, measured and respectful response of our community to the Victorian Government's [circuit-breaker lockdown](#), which once again highlighted our capacity to pivot and adapt.

We remain hopeful that this short, sharp strategy will prevent the need for longer lockdown periods and welcome Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews' comments this morning about the "promising start" to the Stage 4 restrictions and that Victoria was "well placed" for these restrictions to ease at 11.59pm on Wednesday 17 February as scheduled.

#### **Events**

Unfortunately, the lockdown has resulted in the postponement and re-scheduling of several upcoming events at our Corio Campus:

- Middle School House Swimming Carnival on Thursday 17 February;
- Toorak Parents' Corio Campus Tour on Thursday 17 February;
- Year 10 Parents' Connect on Saturday 20 February; and
- Family Day at Corio on Sunday 21 February.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by the postponement of these events. We are committed to an inclusive approach to community engagement and acknowledge the uncertainty of travel restrictions, particularly for our interstate families.

We will communicate further with updated information about these events as soon as is practicable.

#### **Learning and Wellbeing**

I have been excited by the rapid response of our expert teachers to utilise our new online learning platform, the Hive, to ensure continuity of learning for our students. This new digital environment expands on our experience of remote learning in 2020 and builds enduring resources to support the delivery of learning through technology.

As ever, I encourage you to remind our young people to continue to prioritise wellbeing during the lockdown period through regular physical activity and positive nutrition.

#### **On-site Living**

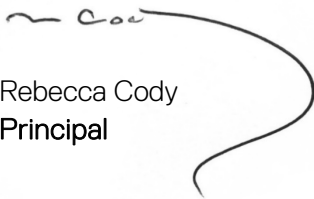
We were pleased to receive updated health advice for our residential communities from the Department of Education and Training (DET). This advice confirmed students currently on campus are permitted to remain on-site to "shelter in place" and that boarding facilities are treated as an "ordinary place of residence".

Our resident communities must adhere to relevant restrictions for the wider community, including remaining within 5km of the campus for the duration of the lockdown period and only leaving the campus for permitted reasons.

Please be assured that our boarders remain safe and buoyant.

The School will communicate swiftly and accurately with our community as the situation evolves. We encourage you to check the [COVID-19 page](#) of the School website frequently and monitor email alerts from Heads of Campus. Similarly, thank you for continuing to direct all COVID-19 related queries to [C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Cody', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Rebecca Cody  
Principal

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