



Wednesday 17 February 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #11 as at 2.00pm on Wednesday 17 February

All our campuses will re-open and revert immediately to usual COVIDSafe operations (i.e. prior to the circuit-breaker lockdown arrangements) on Thursday 18 February.

Thank you

I warmly welcome Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews' announcement regarding the [easing of COVID-19 restrictions](#) across the State from 11.59pm tonight, Wednesday 17 February, as scheduled; particularly the re-opening of schools. I am thankful for the efforts of our community and acknowledge the challenges presented by the lockdown; keeping a focus on what it is we can control remains a helpful choice for us all to make.

As noted, all our campuses will revert immediately to usual COVIDSafe operations from tomorrow, Thursday 18 February. Buses and classes will resume as timetabled. APS Sport will recommence on Friday 18 February (1st Cricket and 1st Tennis) and Saturday 19 February (for all levels).

Risk Mitigation

We will maintain our highly precautionary approach and prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff as we embed our wide-reaching risk mitigation steps in response to COVID-19. These measures are campus-specific and 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 outdoors when the 1.5 metre spatial distancing requirements cannot be met).

Learning and Wellbeing

Until vaccines are widely available, we continue to learn how to live with COVID-19 and to practise predictable adaptability. I was uplifted by the relatively seamless transition to our new digital campus, the Hive, which enabled a continuity of learning for our students across the past few days. Whilst we continue to develop this online learning platform, I am incredibly appreciative of the enormous efforts of our staff and the rapid adaptability of our students and families. I am also excited about how the Hive will support our students and the delivery of learning through heightened digital integration and differentiation into the future.

Events Calendar

We continue to work to reschedule postponed events; further details will be provided as soon as practicable.

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

Yours sincerely,


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Principal