



Tuesday 25 May 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #18 as at 4.00pm on Tuesday 25 May

We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak in Melbourne's northern suburbs and rapidly adapting our risk mitigation steps in response to the [additional COVIDSafe measures](#) that will apply across Greater Melbourne from 6.00pm tonight, Tuesday 25 May. Whilst the Victorian Government has indicated that these increased restrictions will stay in place until at least Friday 4 June, our initial focus for this communicate is on the immediate changes.

All Campuses

From 6.00pm tonight, Tuesday 25 May:

- Completion of our [Daily COVID-19 Health Questionnaire](#) is required at all four of our campuses;
- All non-essential staff travel has been cancelled until further notice; and
- Face masks are mandatory on buses and public transport to and from school.

We note that whilst students, staff and families that live in Greater Melbourne can still travel to regional Victoria, the restrictions that apply across Greater Melbourne will travel with them.

As yet there has been no specific detail released by Government about school-based events. We note that whilst public gatherings held outside Greater Melbourne and attended by Greater Melbourne residents will be limited to 30 people, the current rules and density requirements for hospitality venues remain unchanged. We anticipate receiving further guidance as to events and sport in the coming days and will make such announcements in a timely manner.

Corio Campus

Given our School's valued relationship with families residing in Greater Melbourne, we will be introducing precautionary and proportionate risk mitigation steps at our Corio Campus:

- Face masks will need to be worn indoors, unless alone or an exemption applies;
- The face mask requirement applies to classrooms, day houses and all indoor spaces;
- Boarding students are not required to wear face masks in their boarding houses, which are considered a home environment; and
- Teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.

Toorak Campus

The additional COVIDSafe measures across metropolitan Melbourne will apply at Toorak Campus:

- Primary school students are exempt from wearing face masks while at school;
- Face masks will need to be worn indoors by staff, unless alone or an exemption applies;
- Teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can; and
- It is recommended parents and carers wear face masks where physical distancing cannot be maintained, for example at school drop off and pick up.

Bostock House

Given the attendance on campus of staff from Greater Melbourne, face masks will be required to be worn indoors by staff from Greater Melbourne, unless alone or an exemption applies. Primary school students will be exempt from wearing face masks while at school.

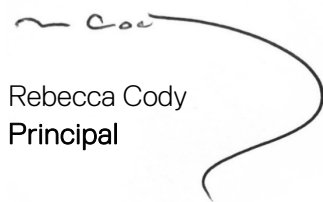
Timbertop

Given location, our Timbertop campus will be minimally impacted by the announcements, other than what is specified above in the notes for **All Campuses** and the postponement of the planned travel to Corio for this fortnight's Rites of Passage programme. which will be rescheduled.

Next steps

As ever, the School will communicate swiftly and accurately with our community as the situation evolves and more information is provided by the Victorian Government. The [COVID-19 page](#) of the School website will be refreshed as required; we encourage you to check this site and thank you for continuing to direct all COVID-19 related queries to C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,



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