



Thursday 27 May 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #20 as at 1.30pm on Thursday 27 May

We are moving swiftly to finalise details in response to Acting Victorian Premier James Merlino's announcement this morning of a [“circuit breaker” stage-four lockdown](#) across the State from 11.59pm tonight until 11.59pm on Thursday 3 June (seven days).

We can confirm:

- All schools are closed for face-to-face teaching, so all day students will go home this afternoon as scheduled and stay home until further notice (anticipated return Friday 4 June);
- Corio and Timbertop campuses will remain open as an “authorised provider” as a boarding school, allowing boarding students to remain on site for the provision of essential care services. Boarding students who choose to go home from the Corio campus will not be able to return to campus until the lockdown has been lifted;
- Early Learning Centres at Bostock House and Toorak Campus will remain open;
- Corio and Toorak Campus will be open for on-site supervision of vulnerable children and the children of essential/authorised workers (please complete the [Registration Form](#) as per below);
- Face coverings must be worn indoors and outdoors except if at home (which includes boarding houses and units);
- Indoor physical recreation and sport facilities such as the Handbury Centre for Wellbeing will be closed;
- Outdoor physical recreation and sport facilities and playgrounds will remain open; and
- APS/AGSV sport is cancelled for Friday 28 May and Saturday 29 May.

We are awaiting further information about the impact on our Timbertop programme, specifically if the Alpine National Park will be closed.

Public exposure sites

The Department of Health (DoH) is actively identifying and updating its list of [public exposure sites](#). We strongly encourage our community to monitor risk locations.

It is vital that our community follows the DoH guidelines for testing and isolation: if you have visited a public exposure site during the times listed and/or if you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, please test and isolate until further direction is provided.

It is also vital that if you or a close contact have visited a public exposure site and visited one of our campuses that you notify the School via C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au.

Early Learning @ GGS

Staff, parents, carers and children are permitted to leave their homes and travel beyond 5 km to attend our ELC services at Bostock House and Toorak Campus. No permit is required.

On-site Supervision

To assist parents who are considered essential/authorised workers and “vulnerable children”, we will be providing on-site supervision at Bostock House, Corio and Toorak Campus from tomorrow, Friday 27 May, from 8.15am until 4.00pm.

To register for On-site Supervision, please complete the [Registration Form](#) no later than 5.00pm today, Thursday 27 May.

Interstate Travel

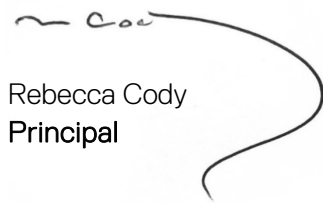
States and territories across Australia have started to impose restrictions on travel from Victoria as a response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Whilst the School has compiled a [summary of current interstate travel requirements](#), we encourage you to continue to check with the relevant state or territory authority and do not book flights without the relevant permit or exemption approval.

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.

Geelong Grammar has responded well to previous lockdown periods and I have every trust and confidence in our expert and committed staff to support our families at this time. Our community's resilience and care are standout qualities.

Yours sincerely,



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