



Wednesday 2 June 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #21 as at 5.00pm on Wednesday 2 June

We are rapidly adapting our risk mitigation steps in response to Acting Victorian Premier James Merlino's announcement this morning of changes to [circuit breaker restrictions](#) across the State from 11.59pm tomorrow, Thursday 3 June. As a school community with campuses in both metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria, we are proud of our inclusivity and ability to support each other. We recognise the challenges and disappointments for metropolitan Melbourne where, aside from some small changes, restrictions will remain in place for a further seven days. Equally, we welcome warmly the easing of restrictions for regional Victoria and the return face-to-face teaching for all year levels at Bostock House, Corio and Timbertop.

Toorak Campus

- All schools in metropolitan Melbourne remain closed for face-to-face teaching;
- Toorak Campus will remain open for on-site supervision of vulnerable children and the children of essential/authorised workers. To register for On-site Supervision, please complete the [Registration Form](#) no later than 5.00pm tomorrow, Thursday 3 June.

Toorak Campus ELC

- Staff, parents, carers and children are permitted to leave their homes and travel beyond 10 km to attend our ELC services at Toorak Campus. No permit is required.

Corio Campus

- All schools in regional Victoria will return face-to-face teaching for all year levels on Friday 4 June;
- As we presently understand, staff and students who reside in metropolitan Melbourne but work or study in regional Victoria are "allowed to travel for authorised work and permitted education"*;
- Face coverings must be worn in all classrooms, indoor common areas and shared spaces (excluding in boarding houses which will be treated as a "family" unit);
- Face coverings must be worn on airplanes, trains and buses; and
- APS/AGSV sport is cancelled for Friday 4 June and Saturday 5 June.

*We are awaiting further clarification from the Department of Education and will update families as soon as possible.

Head of Campus, Steven Church, will communicate separately with Corio families regarding travel arrangements and commencement of classes for Friday 4 June.

I wish to also note and thank the staff and students who remained on site during this circuit-breaker lockdown: their collective efforts to keep positive and make the most of changing circumstances has been heartening.

Timbertop

- Our Timbertop campus will resume its usual programme on Friday 4 June.

Bostock House

- Bostock House will return face-to-face teaching for all year levels on Friday 4 June.

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.

Interstate Travel

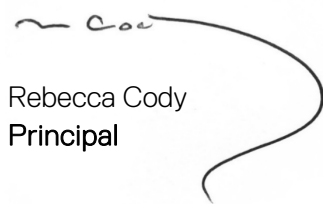
States and territories across Australia have imposed restrictions on travel from Victoria as a response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Whilst the School has compiled a [summary of current interstate travel requirements](#), we encourage you to continue to check with the relevant state or territory authority 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.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge our remarkable staff whose continued adaptation to changing times is humbling.

Yours sincerely,



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