



Sunday 11 July 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

**COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #28 as at 7.00pm on Sunday 11 July**

**Travelling from New South Wales and ACT**

Victoria's Acting Chief Health Officer has announced that all of New South Wales (NSW) and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) will become a Red Zone under the State's [Travel Permit System](#) at 11.59pm tonight, Sunday 11 July. This means the Victorian border is effectively closed to NSW and the ACT, except for Victorian residents returning on a **Red Zone Permit** and for people with exemptions. For more information about the border closure please visit the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Victoria website](#).

As noted in [Update #26](#), the Department of Health (DoH) has advised that boarding students can seek a Red Zone Permit as a returning Victorian resident by indicating that the School is their home address. If you have not already done so, please refer to [Update #26](#) on how to apply for a **Red Zone Permit**.

As noted in [Update #27](#), the DoH has advised that an application may be made for an exemption for an accompanying adult to travel and quarantine with students in Victoria when travelling from a designated **Red Zone**. NSW Families were invited to send through information for onward provision to the DoH via the Accompanying Adults from a Red Zone form embedded in Update #27 by 4.00pm today to support granting of exemptions for the parents accompanying their children. For those who submitted their responses to the form by 4.00pm, please be assured that this information has been received by the DoH.

**Start of Term 3 Arrangements – All Campuses**

We gratefully anticipate the assistance of all those parents and guardians arriving on campus for the commencement of Term 3 by checking in with the GGS QR Code to support contact tracing. This is a requirement for the School's COVIDSafe compliance.

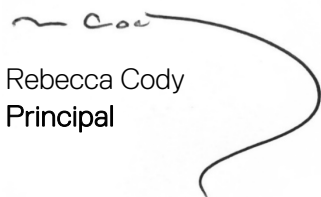
Students and staff are not required to check in with the GGS QR Code but are required to complete the [COVID-19 Daily Health Questionnaire](#).

Whilst Semester 2 begins within the context of uncertainty for many of our interstate families, I have every confidence in our community's capacity to begin Term 3 positively (either on campus or initially remotely) and to remain connected. Again, we look forward to the safe return of all our students to campus (as soon as the Government guidelines permit) and as ever, will work tenaciously to assist this outcome.

Our thoughts too are with those who are ill and struggling with the Delta variant, as well as the frontline experts who care for them. The situation unfolding in NSW is a timely reminder of our need to remain vigilant in our processes and protocols to keep one another safe.

I wish you all great health and a hopeful and purposeful start to Term 3.

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Cody  
Principal