



Tuesday 20 July 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #32 as at 2.00pm on Tuesday 20 July

Further to [Update #31](#) published yesterday, we acknowledge the disappointment of the Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews' announcement of a seven-day extension of the [stage-four lockdown](#) across the State, until 11.59pm next Tuesday 27 July.

We are encouraged by the positive progress in containing the current outbreak of the Delta variant in Victoria and remain grateful for our ability to continue to care for our boarding students on campus at Corio and Timbertop and deliver remote learning via the [Hive](#).

Travelling from New South Wales and ACT

Victoria's Chief Health Officer (CHO) will temporarily pause the issuing of [Red Zone Permits](#) from 11.59pm tonight, Tuesday 20 July, pending a further review in a fortnight. For at least the next two weeks, Victorian residents in Red Zones will require an exemption to enter the State – and these will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Should boarding students remaining in a designated Red Zone require assistance with the exemption process, they should contact the School by email via c19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au. Pleasingly, many students were able to enter Victoria within the past 48 hours, accompanied by family members with issued exemptions.

Public exposure sites

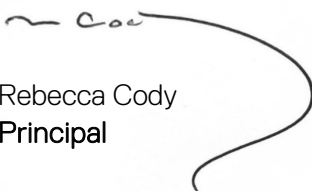
The Department of Health (DoH) is actively identifying and updating its list of [public exposure sites](#). This is a very dynamic situation and we strongly encourage our community to monitor risk locations. It is vital that our community follows the DoH guidelines for testing and isolation: if you have 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.

Next steps

The [COVID-19 page](#) of the School website will continue to be refreshed as required; we encourage you to monitor this site and thank you for continuing to direct all COVID-19 related queries to C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au.

In closing this Update, I marvel at our students' fortitude and their capacity to find joy amidst the challenges. I've just been out and about the Corio campus checking-in with students and have returned to my desk buoyed by their laughter.

Yours sincerely,


Rebecca Cody
Principal