



Monday 9 August 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #36 as at 2.00pm on Monday 9 August

We receive gratefully the news that Victoria's sixth lockdown lifts for regional Victoria at 11.59pm tonight, Monday 9 August.

Our Bostock House, Corio and Timbertop campuses will resume full on-site programming from Period 1 tomorrow, Tuesday 10 August (please note: Period 1 at Corio will be a live stream of the scheduled whole campus assembly). All students and staff travelling from metropolitan Melbourne to attend our campuses will be required to undertake daily temperature checks (in addition to other [COVIDSafe requirements](#)) whilst the lockdown restrictions continue in metropolitan Melbourne.

Our Toorak Campus will continue to provide our Remote Learning @ GGS 6.0 programme via the [Hive](#).

Mid-Term Exeat at Corio and Timbertop

We have now finalised details for the upcoming mid-Term exeat at Corio and Timbertop. We anticipate rolling lockdowns will be a feature for coming months. In balancing this with the important pastoral function the exeat provides for our students, staff and families, we confirm that the mid-Term exeat will proceed as scheduled. As ever, our decision-making has been contemplated deeply, and with due consideration of what is in the best interests of our community, with the safety, health and wellbeing of our students, staff and their families as our primary concern.

- **Mid-Term exeat will proceed as scheduled:**
 - Corio: Friday 13 August (12.40pm) – Monday 16 August (7.00pm);
 - Timbertop: Friday 13 August (8.00am) – Tuesday 17 August (4.00pm);
- Parents, guardians and students from metropolitan Melbourne are able to travel to and from campus for “caregiving”;
- Corio Campus will remain open across exeat as an “authorised provider” (boarding school context) for Corio and Timbertop students as required;
- Please note, should a lockdown be initiated during the exeat period:
 - students who leave campus for exeat cannot return to Corio or Timbertop until the lockdown ends;
 - all students will transition to remote learning;
- REACH leave arrangements must be updated and/or entered by 7.30pm, Tuesday 10 August;
- Timbertop will facilitate phone calls from parents to Timbertop students to discuss exeat arrangements via your child's Head of Unit as required;
- All students and staff travelling returning to campus from metropolitan Melbourne post-exeat will be required to undertake a temperature check (in addition to other [COVIDSafe requirements](#)) whilst the lockdown restrictions continue in metropolitan Melbourne; and
- All Timbertop students will be required to undertake a COVID-19 test post-exeat to enable access to Mt Buller (as per [COVIDSafe requirements](#) regarding entry to an Alpine resort). Further details will be provided by the Head of Timbertop.

We acknowledge that families will have made arrangements for the care of their child/children across exeat. If that has changed for any reason, please update REACH and contact your child's Head of House or Head of

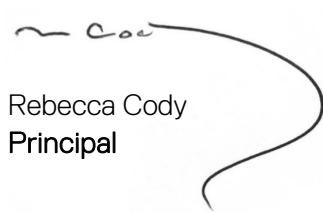
Unit as required. We will endeavour to support families to navigate the challenges and complexities of a rapidly evolving situation.

Next steps

Please be aware that for boarding families, planning is also underway in relation to the upcoming holiday period. We will communicate as soon as we have detailed plans to share.

Thank you for continuing to direct all COVID-19 related queries to C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au. Heads of Campus will provide further details supporting this Update and all other communication through the Hive.

Yours sincerely,



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