



Monday 16 August 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

### **COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #37 as at 6.30pm on Monday 16 August**

Given the announcements this afternoon by the Victorian Premier and the Chief Health Officer, we have met with our Senior Medical Officer, Professor Fergus Cameron, to review our COVIDSafe protocols for the coming days. We understand that such is its virulence, people who have been exposed to the Delta strain shed the virus within 24 hours. Accordingly, we wish to reiterate several key messages and notify of a few changes.

#### **All campuses**

- The privilege of travelling for permitted education and caregiving brings with it inherent responsibilities.
- For all our campuses, please subscribe to all public health directions and monitor closely the gazetted [Tier 1, 2 and 3 exposure sites](#). This is particularly important given the retrospective nature of many exposure sites. If you, your child or any member of your family have been to a declared exposure site, please make sure you isolate and advise the School immediately via [c19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:c19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au)
- Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell; please test and isolate until a negative result is received.
- Please attend mindfully to our [GGS Daily Health Questionnaire](#).
- Should a positive case be connected to any of our campuses, we are required to defer immediately to direction of the Department of Health.

Please note any additional campus specific details below.

#### **Corio**

- To mitigate any risk of the curfew not being met by GGS students and parents, the day boarding buses travelling to metropolitan Melbourne destinations will depart Corio at 7.30pm each evening. Day boarding buses travelling to regional Victorian destinations will continue to depart at their usual time.
- Students attending on campus from metropolitan Melbourne must have their temperature checked in House upon arrival.

#### **Timbertop**

- Given the metropolitan Melbourne risks, buses for Timbertop will now depart from our Toorak campus at 2.30pm.
- To minimise movement in regional Victoria, to mitigate any risk of the curfew not being met by parents and to facilitate a sterile corridor, it is our strong preference that students from metropolitan Melbourne return to the Timbertop campus by bus. If this means you will now require a seat on the bus for your child, please email [Timbertop@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:Timbertop@ggs.vic.edu.au) directly.
- Parents are asked to remain in their vehicles and drop off their child.
- Please note buses will no longer be available from Southern Cross.
- Buses will still run from Corio for students from regional Victoria; these depart at 2.00pm.
- Please submit any travel changes by 10.00am to [Timbertop@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:Timbertop@ggs.vic.edu.au)

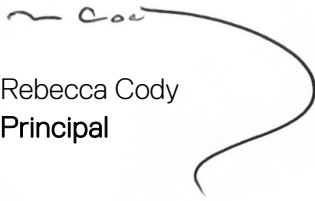
- Asymptotic screening of all Timbertop students will commence the evening students return to campus; this cautionary approach is to safeguard this campus's unique 'bubble' environment.

### Toorak Campus

- Toorak Campus will continue with Remote Learning until the lockdown in metropolitan Melbourne has been lifted to allow attendance on campus by all students and staff.

In support of us remaining safe and returning to more connected ways of being, we implore our School community to please do what is right.

Yours sincerely,



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