



Tuesday 17 August 2021

Dear Interstate Families of Geelong Grammar School (GGS),

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #38 as at 4.00pm on Tuesday 17 August

Exemption to Travel to Victoria for Quarantine – Guide and Expression of Interest

With the exeat arrangements behind us, attention now turns to planning for the September school holidays and assisting families to reunite and spend this important time together. We acknowledge that with likely continued restrictions with required quarantine, many families will not wish for their children to travel interstate.

We can advise that in anticipation of the September holiday period the School is working with the Victorian Department of Health (DoH) to facilitate a coordinated exemption programme. If successful, this will allow immediate family of boarding students to travel into Victoria to quarantine for the required 14-day period prior to the commencement of the school holidays.

The School has prepared a [September Holiday Exemption Guide](#) to assist families in this process. The current version of the Guide is published on the Hive and will be updated if required, as the process proceeds.

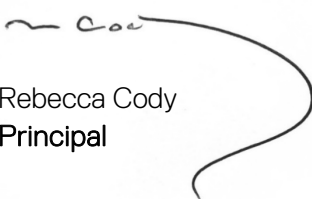
As a first step, families are asked to please indicate by completion of the [Expression of Interest \(EOI\) form](#), their interest in participating in the exemption process. Please complete the EOI as a matter of priority (and no later than **4.00pm on Thursday 19 August 2021**), so we may inform the DoH of the level of interest from our families.

Please read the Guide and commence the steps as outlined. The link for the next form for completion, being the GGS Exemption to Travel to Victoria for Quarantine Form, will be provided in tomorrow's Update. Families are asked to please note that the School is required to work to a strict timetable to progress this cohort exemption; your timely responses throughout will be most appreciated.

Additionally, please kindly direct queries by email to c19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au. If there is information sought within this correspondence which will be relevant to all families, this will be shared through an updated Guide.

We look forward to working with you to achieve these exemptions; however, please note that given the ongoing level of community transmission of COVID-19 in Victoria, the DoH may withdraw the opportunity for exemption applications with little or no notice.

Yours sincerely,


Rebecca Cody
Principal