

Wednesday 10 November 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School (GGS),

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) - Update #55 as at 2.00pm on Wednesday 10 November

Status Change – the School has been notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our Senior School learning community at Corio.

This morning, Wednesday 10 November 2021, the School received notification that following testing yesterday, a Senior School day student received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. We wish the student and their family a swift recovery.

The student was last on-site at our Corio Campus on Thursday 4 November. The School is in the process of identifying all Primary Close Contacts (PCCs) of the student, who will then be tested and remain in isolation until they receive a negative test result.

This is a timely reminder of the need for ongoing vigilance and the increased risk posed by the Delta variant. To keep our community safe, we continue to promote COVIDSafe protocols and practices, including:

- Monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms and completion of our <u>Daily Health Questionnaire</u> if you are unwell, be tested and isolate until you receive a negative test result;
- Wearing of face masks, which continues to be mandatory indoors (with the exception being in boarding house bubbles) and outdoors (whenever you cannot keep 1.5 metres distance from others);
- Practising exceptional hygiene, including regularly and thoroughly washing your hands; and
- High levels of COVID-19 vaccination uptake (more than 95% of our Senior School students are fully vaccinated have received two doses).

We continue to take a highly precautionary approach, appropriately exceeding Department of Health (DoH) guidelines and prioritising the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and their families. To support us with this approach, we require families to please communicate with us proactively and with full disclosure of their circumstances.

With our Senior Medical Officer, we are currently scenario planning various outcomes as we await test results of the PCCs, including planning for the establishment of a mass testing centre on-site as required.

Please note that the School will be under the directions of the Department of Health (DoH) if the Corio Campus becomes classified as a Tier 1 exposure site.

Next steps

We will continue to communicate swiftly and accurately with our community as the situation evolves. Thank you for continuing to direct all COVID-19 related queries to <u>C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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