



Friday 3 December 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #60 as at 5.00pm on Friday 3 December

Status Update – the School has been notified of a positive case of COVID-19 at our Corio Campus; all students and staff identified as potential contacts were tested yesterday morning, and remained in isolation until receiving negative test results this afternoon.

This afternoon, Friday 3 December 2021, the School received notification that following PCR (polymerase chain reaction) testing, a casual staff member at our Corio Campus received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19.

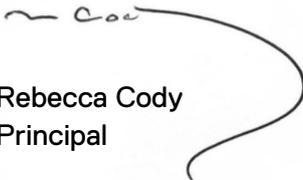
- Following their attendance in the House, the staff member received a positive result from a RA (rapid antigen) self-test;
- The staff member was asymptomatic when in the House but symptomatic at the time of taking the RA test;
- Potential exposure was limited to one Senior School boarding house;
- Although students and staff were not considered 'high risk', out of an abundance of caution, all students and staff who were in the House at the time of the identified potential exposure were tested yesterday morning, Thursday 2 December; and
- All those students and staff remained in isolation until receiving confirmation of a negative test result this afternoon, Friday 3 December.

As we have done throughout the pandemic, we continue to take a highly precautionary approach that prioritises the safety, health and wellbeing of our students, staff and their families, appropriately exceeding Department of Health (DoH) guidelines. The potential exposure required a swift response and I wish to acknowledge again the extraordinary efforts of our Corio staff, and in particular our boarding and nursing teams, who remained calm and professional through a period of heightened anxiety for some. Indeed, everyone involved in supporting and caring for our students and staff are to be commended.

I know our community is actively supporting the health and wellbeing of the staff member who has received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. We are thinking of them and wishing them a speedy recovery.

As ever, thank you for continuing to direct all other COVID-19 related queries to C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,



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