

Sunday 12 December 2021

Dear Families and Friends of Geelong Grammar School,

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) - Update #63 as at 3.30pm on Sunday 12 December

Status Update – the School has been notified that a Year 5 day student at our Corio Campus has received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19; all Years 5-8 day students at Corio are considered 'education contacts' and must isolate immediately, be tested for COVID-19, and remain in isolation until receiving confirmation of a negative test result.

Given there is significant sibling cross-over with Bostock House and the Corio Campus, our School's Senior Medical Officer, Professor Fergus Cameron, has recommended that all Prep-Year 4 Bostock House students should monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and immediately be tested if they present any of these symptoms, however mild.

This afternoon, Sunday 12 December 2021, the School received notification that following PCR (polymerase chain reaction) testing, a Year 5 day student at our Corio Campus received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19.

- The student developed symptoms yesterday, Saturday 11 December, and was immediately tested;
- The School received notification this afternoon, Sunday 12 December, that the student had received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19;
- Although masks have been worn anytime anyone is indoors with Year 5 students at Corio, the School has been advised that all Years 5-8 day students are considered 'education contacts' (having been identified as sharing the same indoor space with someone who has COVID-19);
- Consequently, all Years 5-8 day students must isolate immediately, have a PCR test within the next 24 hours, and continue to isolate until they receive a negative test result; and
- Given there is significant sibling cross-over between Corio day students and Bostock House, our Senior Medical Officer, Professor Fergus Cameron, has recommended that all Prep-Year 4 Bostock House students should monitor for COVID-19 symptoms and immediately be tested if they present any of these symptoms, however mild.

I know our community is actively supporting the health and wellbeing of our Year 5 student who has received a positive diagnosis of COVID-19. We are thinking of them and wishing them a speedy recovery.

As ever, we will continue to communicate swiftly and accurately with our community as the situation evolves.

Thank you for continuing to direct all other COVID-19 related queries to C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,

