



**GEELONG GRAMMAR SCHOOL®**  
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Thursday 13 January 2022

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

**COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #1 as at 4.00pm on Thursday 13 January**

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

I greet you warmly as we prepare to commence the 2022 academic year.

As has become our practice since January 2020, I will publish regularly COVID-19 related Updates throughout the year. These will each be dated and numbered so that you can track our most current communication about the impact of the pandemic across our four campuses.

I wish to advise that our Executive and Leadership Team (ELT) is currently scenario planning for a range of eventualities regarding the commencement of Term 1, including monitoring outcomes from today's National Cabinet meeting, where return-to-school is an agenda item for discussion. We are fortunate that such planning is conducted with the benefit of our Senior Medical Officer's expertise; Professor Fergus Cameron continues to assist our decision-making to keep our community safe and well.

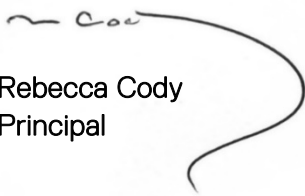
By Wednesday 19 January, specific detail will be provided regarding your child's commencement requirements. Until then, it is prudent to please update or refresh the contact details of your child's guardian and COVID Emergency Contact (CED). In addition, all GGS students (apart from ELC) will require a set of 10-20 masks; these can be ordered throughout Uniform Shop by contacting [uniformshop@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@ggs.vic.edu.au). Please also note that boarding students will require a supply of between 5 to 10 Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) to commence the year. We appreciate that RATs are not currently always easily accessible; however, we are making enquiries to access an adequate supply for our residential community.

The past two years have taught us all to expect planning to be fluid and to adapt swiftly. We have developed our skills in this space and strengthened our capacity to adjust, often with very little notice. As such, I am confident that whilst the beginning of 2022 may feel a little unsettled regarding the uncertainty of the virulent Omicron strain, we can work cooperatively and kindly to optimise our learners' educational experiences.

As per our practice across the past two years, please contact [C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au](mailto:C19questions@ggs.vic.edu.au) should you have any queries or concerns regarding COVID-related matters. Given the nature of the pandemic, it may well be too soon to have answers for all your queries; as ever though, we will be timely and transparent with our communication.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our School.

Yours sincerely,

  
Rebecca Cody  
Principal