



Sunday 13 February 2022

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

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #7 as at 5.00pm on Sunday 13 February

Corio Campus Action Required

Due to the number of positive cases across three Senior Boys' Houses (Cuthbertson, Francis Brown and Perry), this afternoon our Senior Medical Officer, Vice Principal and I met with the School's liaison team at Barwon Health.

The key agreed outcomes of the meeting include:

- All Year 10 Day Boarding students to RAT at home tomorrow morning before attending school;
- All Senior Boarding Houses to RAT tomorrow before attending classes;
- We will explore how to bring booster doses forward at Corio; and
- As a highly precautionary measure, in-person Chapel will not proceed this evening or tomorrow morning.

Whole School RAT Protocols (Students and Staff)

- If students test positive to a RAT at home, parents are required to notify the School via [Hive](#) and complete the Victorian Government's [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#);
- If boarders test positive to a RAT in House/Unit, our relevant Health Centre Team will upload the result immediately;
- If staff test positive to a RAT, they are to notify the School via [Hive](#) and complete the Victorian Government's [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#); and
- As ever, any symptomatic student or staff member should test immediately. Students and staff must not attend school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.

Why this needs to be a priority action?

Prompt reporting assists the DoH to gain a full picture of cases connected to Geelong Grammar School and therefore enables them to support our needs more accurately. Precise and prompt reporting also tracks the 30-day period post release from isolation and supports possible exemptions from further restrictions should a student continue to test positive in this period.

Booster doses for 16 to 18-year-olds

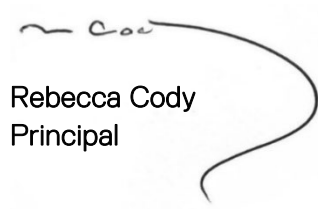
Whilst the School is actively exploring bringing forward booster doses at Corio, we strongly encourage all parents of 16 to 18-year-olds (including those who have turned 16 since their primary dose of COVID-19 vaccine) to explore booking a third (booster) dose, particularly if students are returning home for weekend exeat. You can [book online](#) for a third dose at your nearest Victorian Government vaccination centre or consult your local doctor or health care professional.

Mask Wearing and Hygiene

Ongoing vigilance with mask wearing and excellent hygiene practices are essential to managing cases within schools generally, and more so given our sensitive residential settings at Corio and Timbertop. We will be briefing students again about these matters this week and would appreciate the reiteration of the messages from families.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we strive to adapt to the impact of the Omicron variant, ever mindful of supporting our students to remain at school and engaged with our holistic programmes.

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Cody
Principal