



Wednesday 12 October 2022

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

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Update #9 as at 5.30pm on Wednesday 12 October

We acknowledge the Victorian Government's decision to conclude the [pandemic declaration](#) from 11.59pm tonight, Wednesday 12 October, following advice from the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer, and unanimously agreed to by National Cabinet. Victorians in low-risk settings will no longer be required to isolate after testing positive to COVID-19, with isolation now strongly recommended.

The updated Department of Education and Training (DET) [School Operations Guide](#) (from October 13) strongly recommends that all students and teaching staff who report a positive COVID-19 test isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved.

As you are aware, we actively review our COVIDSafe Plan and protocols in consultation with our Senior Medical Officer, Professor Fergus Cameron, prioritising the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and their families. We will continue to take a highly precautionary approach, exceeding Victorian Government guidelines where appropriate for our context. Accordingly, our updated guidelines:

- require all students and staff who return a positive COVID-19 test from 13 October onwards to not attend campus for a minimum of 5 days;
- students and staff may return to school on day 6, if they are asymptomatic and have tested negative before returning; and
- students at Corio and Timbertop will be required to return via the applicable campus health centre to ensure they test negative on a medically supervised Rapid Antigen Test (RAT).

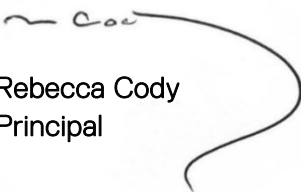
Please note, as per 2020 and 2021, arrangements are in place to allow students undertaking VCE and IB examinations to complete these, even if they have returned a positive COVID-19 test.

Our COVIDSafe Plan and protocols are designed in acknowledgement of our high risk residential and primary school settings and are in place for the health and safety of our whole community.

Thank you

Again, your support and understanding as we continue to adapt to the impact of COVID-19 is appreciated greatly.

Yours sincerely,


Rebecca Cody
Principal