



Monday 14 March 2022

Child Safety Update - Corio

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

In October last year, I wrote to inform our Senior School community that our student safety protocols had been activated following an incident on our Corio campus involving an external service provider and a Senior School student who has since graduated.

The School immediately notified Victoria Police upon becoming aware of the incident.

Today, I write to our wider School community to inform you that the Police have now completed their investigation.

The School understands that the subject of the allegation has been summonsed to face charges in Court later this year. We are informed by Police that the charges relate to a single incident, with the major charge being *'Knowingly use optical device / Attempt to commit indictable offence'*.

I will provide updates as appropriate, noting that while this case is before the Court, we must respect the judicial process. Nonetheless as your Principal, I remain deeply shocked by the prospect that an individual associated with Geelong Grammar School may have betrayed all our trust, and further betrayed the commitment made by our staff each day to support the education and welfare of our students.

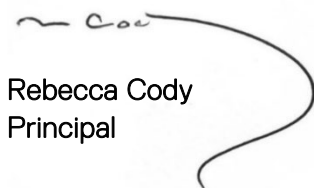
Our School has invested considerable care and resources in improving our student safety strategies, policies and practices with one purpose in mind: the safety and wellbeing of our students; naturally, further reviews are now being undertaken as a result of this incident, and in preparation for changes to the Child Safe Standards which commence on 1 July 2022.

I am immensely proud of the courage, initiative and leadership displayed by our 2021 graduate in coming forward and reporting this incident. I am equally grateful for the decisive and immediate action of our committed staff.

This situation is a timely reminder that learners at each of our four campuses have the gift of an education that enables their voices to be heard. We actively encourage and support them to use their voices to keep themselves and others safe. It is through listening and acting that we enable a culture that places student safety at its core.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to the education or wellbeing of your child, in the first instance please contact your child's Head of Campus, Vice Principal Chris McNamara or myself.

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Cody
Principal