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Student Safeguarding Update | 2021 Incident at Corio

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

I am writing to our wider School community to inform you that the Geelong Magistrates Court has made a finding of guilt against an external service provider for knowingly using an optical surveillance device in an attempt to commit an indictable offence. The charges relate to a single incident at our Corio campus in October 2021 involving a Senior School student who has since graduated.

As your Principal, I am deeply troubled and appalled that an individual associated with Geelong Grammar School betrayed all our trust, and further betrayed the commitment made by our staff each day to support the education, care and welfare of our students.

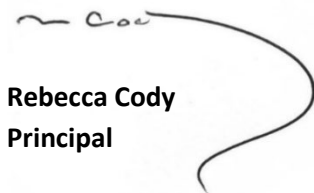
Student safeguarding, care and wellbeing are critical priorities for our School. Creating and maintaining an environment where students are safe and feel safe, is the responsibility of all School employees, third party contractors and volunteers across all four campuses. Our approach to embedding the Victorian Child Safe Standards and National Child Safe Principles is regularly reviewed and improved.

I am immensely proud of the courage 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 and the subsequent investigation and successful prosecution by Victoria Police.

This incident and outcome are a timely reminder that learners at each of our four campuses have the opportunity 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 regarding the education or wellbeing of your child, in the first instance please contact your child's Head of Campus, our Vice Principals, or myself.

Yours sincerely,



Rebecca Cody
Principal