

31 January 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

The health and safety of our students, our staff and the broader Guildford Grammar School Community are our utmost priority. As I am sure most of you are aware, that the Premier announced today, beginning at 6.00pm tonight the Perth area, the Peel region and the South West region will be entering a full lockdown. This lockdown will run until 6.00pm on Friday 5 February 2021.

Please bear in mind that the current situation is different from our April experience last year. For the next week, we are in a total lockdown, which means that neither teaching staff nor any students will be on campus.

We recognise that there is a lot of information in this document, but ask you to take the time to read it in full.

**This update provides information on the following:**

1. What we know
2. Who should get tested
3. Moving to ConnectEd@GGS
4. Pastoral care for students
5. Boarding

### What we know - information from the Premier's announcement

Beginning at 6.00pm tonight, the Perth area, the Peel region and the South West region will enter a full lockdown. This lockdown will run until 6.00pm on Friday 5 February, 2021.

People in these regions are required to stay home, except for the following four reasons:

- Shopping for essentials like groceries, medicine and necessary supplies.
- Medical or health care needs including compassionate requirements and looking after the vulnerable.
- Exercise, within their neighbourhood, but only with one other person and only for one hour per day.
- Work, where you cannot work from home or remotely.

In addition to this Stay Home rule, if you do leave home, for one of the four reasons you will be required to wear a mask at all times and if you need to work indoors, then wearing a mask in the workplace is also mandatory. To be clear, mask wearing on public transport is also mandatory.

Schools will be closed this coming week, however, it is our intention to resume ConnectEd@GGS learning for all Guildford Grammar School students from Tuesday.

### Who should get tested

This lockdown has been caused by the identification of a possible case of community transmission of COVID-19. The Chief Health Officer has published information regarding possible locations where transmission may have occurred

People who have been to these venues on these dates must attend a COVID clinic and get tested. These locations currently include:

- Coles Maylands supermarket on 25 January from 8pm to 10pm
- KFC Maylands on 27 January from 6pm to midday
- Mitsubishi Motors car dealership in Midland on 27 January from 7pm to close
- Spudshed, Coventry Village in Morley on 27 January from 8pm to midnight

- ECU Joondalup on 28 January from 11am to 2pm
- Consulate General of India on St Georges Terrace in Perth on 28 January from 12pm to 5pm
- Halal Grocery Store in Cloverdale on 28 January from 7pm to 9pm
- Venus Ladies and Gentleman Hair Design Maylands hairdressers on 29 January from 1pm to 3pm
- Perth Convention Centre on 29 January from 4pm to 6pm
- Nedlands Family Practice GP surgery on 29 January from 5pm to 6pm
- Chemist Warehouse North Perth Pharmacy on 29 January from 5.30pm to 7.30pm
- 7-Eleven Ascot petrol station on 29 January from 8pm to 9pm
- Coles Maylands supermarket on 29 January from 8pm 9pm
- Puma Service Station in Burswood on 30 January from 11am to 12 midday.
- Coles Express/Shell Service Station in Cloverdale on 30 January from 12 midday to 3pm
- Pharmacy 777 at Maylands Park Shopping Centre 30 January from 2.30pm to 4pm.

In addition, people who live or work in the Falkirk Avenue, Maylands area including Coles, Liquorland and the Maylands shopping precinct should present for a test. They must then go home and isolate until their negative test results are returned.

### Moving to ConnectEd@GGS

Last year, Guildford Grammar School Staff put plans in place in preparation for the possibility of another lockdown. In terms of teaching and learning, the School already has in place a COVID-19 response plan for a week's learning off campus. School will not be operating on Monday as our staff prepare to teach from home. Therefore, there will be no online interactions expected between students and staff on Monday 1 February - tomorrow will be an extension of the weekend.

We are aware that some students (PP - Year 12) may not have access to IT equipment or have not yet logged onto the system. We will send a communication to all families on Tuesday morning that will provide guidance to them.

All sport and co-curricular activities are also cancelled for this week. A decision about Senior School Saturday sport will be made and communicated towards the end of the week.

### Preparatory School ConnectEd@GGS

ConnectEd@GGS for the Preparatory School (PP to Year 6) will be via the Seesaw platform. Teachers will:

- Complete a daily ConnectEd@GGS *Planning Guide* and share it with students and parents via Seesaw.
- Set tasks on Seesaw that link to the ConnectEd@GGS planning guide.
- Mark and provide feedback to students each day through the approval process.
- Be mindful of the volume of work - we do not want your children to be sitting in front of their screens all day.

Peripatetic music lessons for 2021 have not yet started in the Prep School. They will not take place this week. Further communications regarding arrangements from next week will be provided.

### Senior School ConnectEd@GGS

ConnectEd@GGS for the Senior School (Year 7 to Year 12) will be via the SEQTA platform. Teachers will:

- Check SEQTA information is up-to-date for the week and add any extra detail necessary for learning at home.
- For each subject in the first week, the first lesson only following the start of lockdown will be a live video conference lesson with the class teacher, who details what will be done that week (going through SEQTA, explaining, answering questions, etc). Guidelines for video conferencing will be sent out to parents, students and teachers.
- In subsequent lessons, answer questions emailed in from students. Forums will not be set up for short-term closure, although those teachers who already use them will continue as normal.
- Head of Health and Physical Education, Len Fernandes and his staff, have developed a range of activities while Sport and co-curricular are not able to run this week.
- Head of Music, Kieran Hurley will distribute information regarding peripatetic music lessons.

### Pastoral Care for students

- **Preparatory School Teachers** will contact your child via parents at least once this week over the phone, and they will have daily communication via SeeSaw.
- **Mentors** (Year 7 - 12) will be running video conference catch ups each day, from Tuesday between 8:30-9:00am. Students are expected to be available online at this time as this will be the process we use to administer attendance. Importantly, this will also enable students to maintain regular contact with their Mentors in order to seek support with their ConnectEd@GGS learning, and to maintain regular contact with their peers.
- **Heads of House** will contact students without internet access via phone call throughout the week to check in.

If your child is struggling at any point, please do not hesitate to contact your Head of School.

### Boarding

Our Boarding House will be closed from 6.00pm today, 31 January 2021 with boarders either going home or residing with their COVID-19 contact. All families have been contacted by the relevant Year Coordinator.

Both Malcolm and Burt Halls will remain closed for the next 5 days. The Director of Boarding will communicate later this week with further details as they come to hand.

Year Coordinators will make contact this week with the boarders in their cohort to check in on their wellbeing and academic progress whilst learning remotely.

We understand that this is a challenging time for everyone. Should you have questions of a general nature, please contact the School's **dedicated helpline on 08 9377 8564**.

As new developments unfold, we will do our best to plan and communicate accordingly, so please check your emails regularly.

We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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Principal