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Dear Parents and Carers

This afternoon's announcement that Geelong will move to Stage 3 restrictions and Remote Learning for schools this week brings with it significant implications for students, staff, parents and wider community of The Geelong College.

The purpose of this communication is to outline a succinct summary of the course of action this week as we head into the anticipated six week period of Remote Learning. A period of six weeks takes us into the final scheduled week of Term 3.

Key operational points:

1. **Early Learning** will be open, as normal while Stage 3 applies to Geelong. This is very significant for parents and children in our Early Learning program. It is the only part of our College operations that remain as normal throughout this period
2. **Prep to Year 12** will transition to Remote Learning this week. The process of transition will involve the following:
  - Monday 3 August – a normal school day
  - Tuesday 4 August – Pupil free day
  - Wednesday 5 August – An offline and on task day for students (i.e. work will be set by teachers but full Remote Learning contact will not be in place)
  - Thursday 6 August – Remote Learning commences in earnest
3. **Supervised spaces** for students of essential workers or students deemed vulnerable will be available from Wednesday 5 August. The procedures for participating in this will be similar to those used in Term 2 and available through each School. Information will be circulated to parents by Heads of School in the next 24 hours to assist with registration for the supervised spaces
4. The two **boarding** houses will remain open and available for those students who need it. The plan is for them to participate in Remote Learning in the supervised spaces at school from Wednesday of this week. Specific details related to the boarders will be circulated by the Head of Mossgiel and Head of Mackie
5. **Music lessons** will return to the arrangements we had in place for the Remote Learning in Term 2
6. **Co-curricular activities** will not be run for the remainder of this term. Unfortunately, all camps and sports scheduled for Term 3 are now cancelled.

As usual, more specific information relating to each of the Junior, Middle and Senior School will be circulated by the Head of School in coming days. Information related to the operations of the Recreation Centre will also be circulated separately to the relevant members of our community.

The lessons from the previous round of Remote Learning will be beneficial as we head into the next six weeks. In particular, the need for a balance of screen time for our students, physical activity and social interaction needs to be carefully considered in each family.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience as we seek to transition, once again, to Remote Learning at very short notice.

Yours sincerely



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