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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This communication is to confirm that we are currently expecting the return of all year groups from Prep to Year 12 of The Geelong College to on site learning on Monday 12 October (Week 2 of Term 4). Therefore, Remote Learning will continue in the current form until Friday 9 October.

The announcement last Sunday and the clarifications yesterday about this timing are very encouraging. It needs to be understood that the timing of the return of students may well be conditional upon the number of COVID-19 cases in Victoria over the next couple of weeks. However, we are proceeding with 12 October as the anticipated date for their return.

Yesterday, the Head of Senior School communicated with Year 12 parents directly about plans for some of their school based VCE assessments (SACs), Trial examinations and the GAT on Wednesday 7 October. Other than these special arrangements for Year 12 there will be no stagger of return for students. There will be direct communication to boarding families by the Heads of Mossgiel and Mackie Houses regarding the return of boarders ahead of Monday 12 October.

I am sure this announcement will have been received with a great sense of relief by all families.

The return of students to school will be in line with all the Health requirements. I am anticipating further information from the relevant government departments in the coming week which will be disseminated to our community as necessary. I am absolutely confident we are well placed to provide a safe and effective learning environment for our students. It is clear that it will be imperative for us all to continue to be vigilant in our hygiene and social interactions.

It will be wonderful to have the students and staff back on site. As I have said before, this place thrives on their vibrancy and they have been greatly missed. We are looking forward to their return and the term ahead.

Yours sincerely

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