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Principal : Mr Andrew Harrison

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been provided the below advice from the Grampians Public Health Unit, which includes important information about multiple COVID-19 exposure sites along bus routes that service our school community. Please read this letter carefully.

I want to assure you there are no further public health actions for our school at this time.

Our school will continue to learn remotely, in line with the current stay at home advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer. On-site supervision will be provided for students experiencing vulnerability and children of authorised workers (provided none of those students have been directed to quarantine by the Department of Health).

### More information

For more information please visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au).

If you have questions about what this means for our school, call the Department of Education and Training COVID-19 hotline on 1800 338 663, available 8:30am to 5pm Monday through Friday and 10am-4pm Saturday-Sunday.

If you require further information you can contact Grampians Public Health Unit on 1300 988 908 or Department of Health on 1300 651 160. If you are concerned you may have COVID-19 you can call the DH 24-hour COVID-19 hotline on 1800 675 398.

For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on **131 450**. Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret. For health advice in languages other than English, visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19).

### Advice from Grampians Public Health Unit

Dear Bacchus Marsh school communities,

We have identified the following Tier 1 COVID exposure sites.

#### Exposure date and time:

- Wednesday 14 July
- Morning and afternoon (see below)

#### Exposure sites:

Bus Routes

- Ballan/Greendale to Bacchus Marsh via Halletts Way *School bus* (morning route – shift 2112)
- Bacchus Marsh College to Bacchus Marsh Grammar *PTV town service* (morning route)
- Bacchus Marsh to Ballan/Greendale via Halletts way *School bus* (afternoon route- shift 2112)

Bus interchange

- Bacchus Marsh College Interchange (at Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh) between 8.21am and 8.41am

### **Instructions for affected households:**

Parents or carers must contact the Grampians Public Health Unit on 1300 988 908 or the Department of Health on 1800 675 398.

**Students** who have travelled on these buses must:

- Go home and isolate for 14 days
- Get a [COVID test](#) as soon as possible
- Only leave home to get tested – do not stop anywhere along the way
- Return home and stay home until contacted by the Grampians Public Health Unit
- If you return a negative test during this 14 days, you must still quarantine for the full 14 days

### **Household members**

- Go home and isolate for 14 days
- Contact the Grampians public health unit on 1300988908 or the Department of Health on 1800 675 398
- If you develop any symptoms get a [COVID test](#) immediately
- Only leave home to get your test – do not stop anywhere along the way
- If you return a negative test during the 14 days, you must still quarantine for the full 14 days

Please contact the Grampians public health unit on 1300 988 908 or the Department of Health on 1800675398 with any queries.

As the Victoria-wide outbreak continues to cause us all concern, please remain vigilant and alert for symptoms. Get tested if you have any symptoms or if you believe you have attended an exposure site. You can find testing and exposure site information at [bhs.org.au/covid](https://bhs.org.au/covid)

Operations Director

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I want to thank you for your ongoing support.

I will be in touch again soon regarding next steps.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Harrison

Principal

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