



Wednesday 5 February

Re: Troy Selwood's Passing

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

Further to my correspondence yesterday, I am sure you will appreciate that our community is hurting.

As I walked our Corio Campus boarding houses last night, our students were remarkable in their care for one another and as ever, my colleagues' work was truly exceptional.

It is moving and meaningful to be part of an extraordinary School family that at critical times elevates to exactly what is needed for one another. It is humbling to experience, and I thank you for the role you play in leading self and others with compassion.

For those parents and guardians seeking further support in how best to manage conversations with your child/children about grief, headspace (National Youth Mental Health Foundation) will be hosting a Geelong Grammar Parent/Carer webinar: Supporting young people impacted by grief and loss at 6.00pm tonight (Wednesday 5 February 2025), which will explore the conversational approach to talking to your young person about grief, loss, and their own mental health.

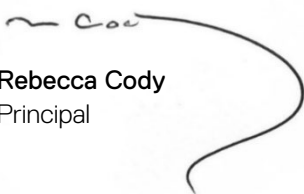
Our Student Safeguarding and Counselling teams have compiled information and resources on the many ways our School Community can support children and young people experiencing grief or loss. Please visit the Supporting You through Grief and Loss page on Hive to learn more about the support and services available.

If you become worried about your child or would like to know more about mental health and counselling supports, please contact your Head of House.

My contact with the Selwood family is ongoing and I'll provide further information about how they wish to celebrate Troy's life and how GGS can contribute. In the meantime, if you wish to send your condolences you may address your correspondence to the Selwood Family, c/- Rebecca Cody and I will ensure it is safely delivered.

In my experience, one of Troy's strengths was enabling our young people to feel special and this encouraged a phenomenal sense of self belief. With kindness, generosity, and love, we can honour this gift he gave to so many of us at Geelong Grammar.

With blessings,


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