



# Cecil Hills High School

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## INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: *LEARNING FROM HOME*

Dear parents/carers and students,

I trust learning from home is progressing well. Please reach out to the school if you require any support. I would like to provide you with an update on learning from home.

### Year 11

A reminder that Year 11 exams will be held in Week 9 and Week 10, Term 3. Year 11 students have been provided with a copy of the exam timetable. Exams will be completed online using the Education Perfect platform. Year 11 students will not have normal lessons during the exam period.

### Year 12

A reminder that Monday, Week 9 is a normal teaching and learning day for Year 12. The rest of Week 9 from Tuesday to Friday will be an assessment period where the following courses will complete alternative assessments:

	<b>Tuesday 7/9/21</b>	<b>Wednesday 8/9/21</b>	<b>Thursday 9/9/21</b>	<b>Friday 10/9/21</b>
<b>Time</b>	9am	9am	9am	9am
<b>Exam/s and Duration</b>	English Advanced 45 minutes	Business Studies 1 hour	PD/H/PE 2 hours	Economics 1 hour 5 mins  Society & Culture 1 hour 5 minutes
<b>Time</b>	1pm		1pm	1pm
<b>Exam/s and Duration</b>	Geography 1 hour 5 mins	Nil	Visual Arts 1 hour 30 minutes	Ancient History 1 hour  Music (submit by 3pm)

Students have been provided with information on these alternative assessments.

Please note the written HSC exams have been delayed until Tuesday, Week 6, Term 4 which is Tuesday, 9 November 2021.

### Flexible Day

Our next flexible day is Monday, 6 September 2021. I have attached information on our flexible day at the end of this letter. These days are important to allow students to complete outstanding work and have time away from screens.



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## **Parent Information Session**

Our next *Parent Information Session* will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, 6 September 2021. This meeting will have a focus on student and family wellbeing. We will cover the following topics at this meeting:

- overview of our school's wellbeing team from our Head Teachers - Welfare
- strategies to support students in lockdown from our School Counsellors
- demonstration of our online wellbeing hub and video from our Student Support Officer
- discussion of wellbeing strategies and opportunities for questions

The meeting will take place online via Zoom. The Zoom link and password will be emailed to parents during the day on Monday, 6 September 2021. Parents should ensure their current email address is registered with the school.

## **Day 1, Term 4**

There is a public holiday on Monday, 4 October 2021. On the first day of Term 4, which is Tuesday, 5 October 2021, we will hold a wellbeing day for students which will consist of wellbeing activities for students instead of normal teaching and learning lessons. We will provide further information on our wellbeing day before the end of Term 3.

## **Latest Information**

You can access the latest information from the NSW Department of Education in relation to learning from home here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

I will continue to communicate with our parents and students to ensure you have access to the latest information. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

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## Student FAQ – Flexible School Day

### ***What is the purpose of a flexible school day?***

The purpose of the day is to give you the opportunity to catch up on work and to have a day with significantly reduced screen time. This is based on feedback that many of you have been struggling to get all of your work done in your allocated lesson times.

### ***When will flexible school days occur?***

There will be one flexible day every two weeks. The flexible day will change so that the same classes are not being missed each time. The next flexible day will occur on **Monday, 6 September 2021**.

### ***Will every year group be involved?***

For the flexible day scheduled for **Monday, 6 September 2021**, all mainstream students will participate from **Year 7 to Year 10**. This means that students will have no new work set for the day and will spend the time catching up on previous work or undertaking wellbeing activities of your choice.

Year 11 and Year 12 students are not involved in this flexible day. Year 11 will be completing exams in Week 9 and Week 10, Term 3. Year 12 will be completing alternative assessments from Tuesday, Week 9 to Friday, Week 9 and will have flexible time on these days when not completing alternative assessments.

### ***Do I have to do any work on this day?***

You need to complete any unfinished work from past lessons and submit it to your teachers. All work must be completed by the following lesson.

### ***Am I expected to be online during my lesson?***

Year 7 to Year 10 mainstream students do not need to be online on your flexible day. If you have questions about any of your work, you can still contact your teachers during your regular lesson time as they will be monitoring your class for this reason. Your teachers should tell you beforehand how you should contact them.

### ***How will my teacher mark my roll? Will I be marked as being absent if I am not online?***

On these days only, rolls will be marked based on whether you have submitted all of your work for the subjects that you have on that day. For example, if you have English on the flexible learning day and you have completed and submitted all of your work, you will be marked present for that day. If you do not submit your work, you will be marked absent.

### ***How will I know which day in the fortnight will be flexible?***

You and your parents will be informed via email. This information will also be provided through Connect meetings.

### ***Will the support unit participate in the flexible day?***

As always, support unit students will receive information from their teachers on the arrangements for their classes.