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INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12 / HSC STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Dear parents/carers and students,

I would like to provide you with an update on matters relating to Year 12 and HSC students. NESA has provided schools with options regarding student assessment and trial HSC examinations. These options provide schools with an opportunity to consider individual courses and make the best decision for every student.

The school leadership team has met a number of times in the last few weeks to determine our school's approach to the trial HSC exams. NESA has indicated that schools have flexibility in this area and different schools are using different approaches.

Due to a variety of reasons, we will use the following approach for the final HSC assessment task:

- an estimate will be applied in a number of courses
- an alternative assessment will be held in a number of courses

We will publish the list of courses next week. It is expected that most courses will involve an estimate.

1. Courses with an Estimate

For courses where an estimate will be applied, the student's assessment mark to be provided to NESA will be based on the three tasks already completed for these courses according to the current weightings of these tasks. This methodology has been discussed with senior officers at NESA.

2. Courses with an Alternative Assessment

For courses where an alternative assessment will be held, this task will be held online in Week 9, Term 3. We will provide further information, including an alternative assessment timetable, next week. Most trial HSC examinations were weighted at 30%, however, these alternative assessments will be weighted at no more than 20% and in some cases only 10%. Teachers will provide students in these courses with further information on alternative assessments next week including the nature of the task, duration and weighting.

Assessment Period Study Leave

We will provide further information next week on the arrangements for Week 9, Term 3. It is expected this will involve periods of study leave at times when HSC students do not have an assessment task.



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Feedback has been shown to be a highly effective tool in improving student results. As a result, it is important for HSC students to complete past examination papers and sample questions over the next few weeks and provide these to their teachers to receive informal feedback and maximise HSC success. Students who do not have alternative assessments should work with their teachers on HSC preparation.

Term 4

NESA has delayed the start of HSC written examinations to Tuesday, Week 3, Term 4. As a result, please note the following timeframes:

- **Week 1, Term 4:** Normal timetabled classes for HSC students.
- **Week 2, Term 4:** Teachers will be available to answer student questions and/or students will engage in private HSC preparation.
- **Week 3, Term 4:** The first HSC written exam will commence on Tuesday, Week 3.

End of Schooling Events

Throughout the year, planning has been in place for important events at the end of Term 3, including the Year 12 picnic, graduation and formal.

- **Picnic and graduation:** At this point, the picnic cannot proceed in Term 3. It is anticipated that if a graduation ceremony is possible, it will occur in Term 4 on the school site.
- **Formal:** The formal has been rescheduled to Tuesday, 16 November 2021 with the hope that it will proceed. This will be subject to government restrictions in place at the time on numbers allowed at events.

Contacts

Parents and students who have any questions over the weekend should feel free to contact the following staff members via email: Mrs Cremin (Deputy Principal), Mrs Green (Year Adviser), Ms Kulevski (Year Adviser) or myself. Students already have email addresses for these staff members.

As indicated, further information will be provided next week in relation to HSC students. 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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