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INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: *LEARNING FROM HOME*

Dear parents/carers and students,

I trust students are progressing well in their learning from home activities. As always, please reach out to the school if you need any support. I would like to provide you with an update on a range of matters.

HSC Estimates

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. For example, if a student is currently on 60 marks out of 70 marks (86%), an assessment mark of 86 will be provided to NESA as the student's assessment mark for the course. This methodology has been discussed with senior officers at NESA.

HSC Alternative Assessments

As indicated previously, Year 12 students will complete alternative assessments in some courses in lieu of the Trial HSC Examination. The timetable for the alternative assessments is as follows:

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

Alternative assessments will be conducted via the Education Perfect platform. This is a secure platform that ensures the integrity of the task in an online test environment. The supervising teacher can monitor student progress and connectivity throughout the task and address issues if they arise. To complete each task, students need to ensure they:

- choose a quiet space free from interruptions and noise
- log on with a fully-charged device and be ready to begin the task 10 minutes prior to the start time
- turn their microphone and camera off (unless the supervising teacher instructs otherwise)
- alert the supervising teacher if there is a connection issue
- work and review their answers for the duration of the task

The usual process of checking responses for plagiarism will apply. Students in these courses will receive assessment notifications from their teachers next week.



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Flexible Leave During HSC Assessment Period

Normal Year 12 classes will not operate during the assessment period. Please note the following important dates in relation to this assessment period in Week 9, Term 3:

- *Monday, 6 September 2021:* This is a normal school day for Year 12. Visual Arts students should note that their Body of Work is due on this date.
- *Tuesday, 7 September 2021 to Friday, 10 September 2021:* Year 12 students will complete alternative assessments according to the timetable above. Students who do not have a scheduled alternative assessment are expected to engage in individual HSC preparation and/or catch up on any outstanding work.

Normal classes resume for Year 12 on Monday, 13 September 2021.

Flexible Tuesday

Our next flexible day will be Tuesday, 24 August 2021 and this will involve all mainstream students from Year 7 to Year 12. As always, support unit students should be guided by their teachers. These flexible days are an important opportunity for students to catch up on work and have time away from screens. I have included information on our flexible days on the next page.

Grade Meetings

A reminder that Connect grade meetings occur twice a week for all mainstream students from Year 7 to Year 12. This is essential for students to obtain critical information from their Year Advisers and Deputy Principal. Connect grade meetings occur at 8:35am as follows:

Year 7: Tuesday and Friday
Year 9: Monday and Friday
Year 11: Tuesday and Friday

Year 8: Monday and Friday
Year 10: Monday and Friday
Year 12: Monday and Friday

Parents will receive an SMS reminder 15 minutes before the start of the Connect grade meeting. We have seen a significant increase in the number of students logging into these sessions. We appreciate the assistance of parents in supporting their children to log in.

Year 11 Examinations

Year 11 exams will be held in Week 9 and Week 10, Term 3. It is important for Year 11 students to complete these exams as they represent the conclusion of the Preliminary course. All exams will be held online using Education Perfect software. Year 11 students will be provided with further information on exams in due course. Week 9 and Week 10, Term 3 will be an exam period with no scheduled classes for Year 11.

Learning From Home

Learning from home continues for the foreseeable future. We will communicate with students and parents when further information is released by the NSW Department of Education. At this stage, I anticipate learning from home will continue for the rest of Term 3. 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 **Tuesday, 24 August 2021**.

Will every year group be involved?

For the flexible day scheduled for **Tuesday, 24 August 2021**, all mainstream students will participate from **Year 7 to Year 12**. 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.

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?

Years 7 to 12 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. The next flexible day will occur on **Tuesday, 24 August 2021**.

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.