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INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: *LEARNING FROM HOME + HSC INFORMATION*

Dear parents/carers and students,

Earlier today, school leaders participated in a webinar with senior officers from the NSW Department of Education and NESA in relation to the HSC. This is a summary of relevant information:

- **No return date for Year 12 students:** It had previously been announced that Year 12 would return to school on Monday, 16 August 2021. The NSW Department of Education announced today that students who attend school in the Liverpool LGA will not return to school as planned on this date and there is no scheduled return date at this time. Year 12 students and all other students will continue to learn from home.
- **No practical sessions for Year 12 students:** Year 12 students are not allowed to access the school site to complete major works. NESA has created a COVID-19 Special Consideration Program to deal with issues relating to incomplete major works to ensure students are treated fairly. It is expected that large number of our students will have incomplete major works and students are assured they will still receive a fair mark. If possible, students are advised to continue working on their major works at home. We will provide further information to students on NESA processes in the coming weeks. You can access a list of [revised due dates here](#) for major works and performances.
- **Vaccination update:** Mobile phone numbers of HSC students have been provided to NSW Health. HSC students will receive a text message from NSW Health to book their vaccination. Please note this is a voluntary program. Vaccinations are expected to occur between Monday, 9 August 2021 and Saturday, 14 August 2021. At this stage, we are not aware of the specific date/s for students at Cecil Hills HS and it is likely this information will be communicated to students directly. **We have now been notified that the proposed bus transport to the vaccination venue has been cancelled. As a result, parents and students must make their own independent travel arrangements to attend Homebush. I have attached a letter provided to schools by NSW Health.** Parents and students are encouraged to call the NSW Health COVID-19 Vaccination Program Hotline on 1800 571 155 if they have questions.
- **Trial HSC exams:** I appreciate that some schools have made announcements in relation to their trial HSC exams. We are deliberately taking the time to consider all options available before making a decision. The NSW Department of Education has announced that trial HSC exams, if they are to occur, will not occur onsite. Some schools are conducting online trial exams, some schools are creating alternative assessment tasks and some schools are estimating trial HSC marks. As indicated, we are continuing to explore all available options and we hope to make an announcement next week to provide certainty for our HSC students and teachers.
- **Flexible Thursday:** As previously advised, we will have 'Flexible Thursday' on Thursday, 12 August 2021 for Year 7 to Year 11. We received positive feedback from parents, students and staff in relation to our last flexible day. You can [read further information here](#) about our 'Flexible Thursday'.

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 via email if you have any questions.

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