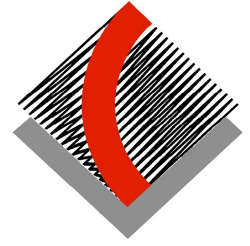


13 August 2021



COVID-19 Update

Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers,

Disappointingly, since my last whole school update, the health situation surrounding COVID appears to have intensified rather than abated.

What this means for the school is that learning from home will continue for the foreseeable future with some exemptions for a small number of Year 12 students who may attend school for short periods under very strict conditions.

The school is acutely aware that the extended learning from home is very draining for all concerned. Consequently, we have determined that next Thursday, 19 August, will be a very different day.

The day will be known as **CTHS Pause for a Day**.

On this day students will not attend timetabled lessons. Instead, they will have the opportunity to participate in different activities that focus on their mental health and wellbeing, or they can just use the day to relax and regroup.

The link to the **CTHS Pause for a Day** will be sent out through CANVAS and the CTHS App on Wednesday 18 August 2021. Please keep a look out. Most importantly CTHS Pause for a Day is about prioritising the mental health and wellbeing of our school community. We hope that all our students take the opportunity to relax, regroup and enjoy the activities on offer.

All students, 7 to 12 will be involved, except a small group of Year 12 who will attend school for essential curriculum. My sincere thanks are extended to Mrs Gatt and her team for this terrific initiative.

As we move forward, Year 12 will have an assessment week commencing Monday, 23 August. During this time courses that need final assessment tasks to assist in determining HSC rankings will provide tasks. The week will not have any formal lessons. Students who have only a small number of tasks should use the time freed up from formal lessons for important HSC revision.

Year 11 students will have their assessment period in the final two weeks of term commencing Monday 6 September and running until Friday 17 September. Like the Year 12 assessment period, there will be no formal lessons during this time. Details of each timetabled assessment will be provided in the next few weeks.

Once again, I remind you, student wellbeing remains an absolute priority for us all. Mr Hind, our Head Teacher Wellbeing, has provided details of the support available to students in a separate email to families. However, it is worth remembering that counsellor support is available, and we do have a specific CANVAS page for student wellbeing.

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Thank you for your continued understanding during this very trying time. If you have questions or concerns relating to this update, please contact the school via email on cths@cths.nsw.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

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