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Year 12 COVID-19 Update

Dear Year 12 Students, Parents/Caregivers,

Late yesterday I was advised by the Department of Education that attending school for completion of HSC major projects or performance preparation was definitely NOT allowed. Consequently, I have advised Head Teachers of the impacted curriculum areas that students are only permitted on site if they are collecting projects in order to continue working on the project at home.

Affected students should contact their teachers directly via CANVAS or email should they have questions or concerns about their work.

The situation, as you would understand is constantly changing and I am hopeful that this decision may be reversed in the very near future. However, if students are unable to complete work or be as prepared for performance as they would have been in normal circumstances, they are entitled to apply for COVID illness / misadventure consideration. The school will provide details to students in due course and support them in preparing these documents.

Whilst this decision is disappointing and one which will lead to a great deal of anxiety, I am of the firm view that no student will be disadvantaged when it comes to the awarding of marks for their HSC. NESA, in the past has proven that they have the capacity to fairly award marks in the most difficult of circumstances.

At the present moment I remain hopeful that the AP4 examinations will commence in Week 5 on August 9 and be held in the school under conditions which replicate the HSC. Students should continue to study and prepare for these. If there is any change to this, I will write to you as soon as practicable.

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.

Thank you for your understanding during this very trying time. If you have questions or concerns relating to any of the information provided, please contact the school via email on <u>cths@cths.nsw.edu.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gary Johnson Principal