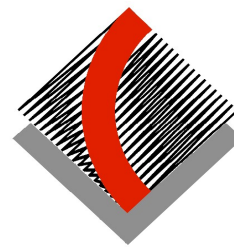


9 August 2021



Year 12 COVID-19 Update

Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers,

Following on from Friday's update I am now able to provide further details to you about several matters.

Today the school determined that we will proceed with AP4 examinations albeit with students completing the exams at home.

This decision, which is in line with the state government announcement, was made to provide students with the best possible opportunity to prepare for the HSC.

Whilst completing the exams at home will not provide an exact replica of the HSC it will allow students to understand the demands of the examinations and give them practice at working through sometimes long and complicated tests. It will also allow staff to provide targeted feedback for the students prior to entering stuvac.

University and our own experience has shown that while sitting a test in this manner is not foolproof it should be stressed to students that any attempt to, "gain the system" in other words cheat would be detrimental to the student concerned either by providing a false reading of their progress or if found out having their paper cancelled entirely.

At this stage we are continuing to investigate the best possible way of delivering and collecting examinations. Hopefully, we will have this clarified soon.

I will be holding a TEAMS meeting for all Year 12 and Year 11 HSC Aboriginal Studies students and their parents on Wednesday afternoon, 11 August, commencing at 3:15 PM. An electronic invitation will be sent to all parents and students on Wednesday morning. Please tune in if you can do so as I hope to clarify many details.

After Monday, 16 August, Year 12 students will be able to attend school for essential curriculum and wellbeing sessions. There are very strict conditions attached to what is and isn't allowed. If teachers deem it essential for a student to be onsite, they will contact students via CANVAS detailing times and dates.

As the pandemic has worn on it has become increasingly clear that we will be unable to hold the Year 12 formal on Friday, 17 September. However, we have been able to secure a booking for Monday, 29 November, again at Curzon Hall. This is approximately a fortnight after the conclusion of the HSC. This is extremely good news and Year 12 students and parents should mark it on their calendars.

As to the graduation, the school will decide on this date later in the term. I am extremely hopeful it will be able to proceed in one form or another.

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

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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 continued 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 cths@cths.nsw.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gary Johnson
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