

Dear Year 11 students and families

The new Year 11 2020 Assessment booklet is posted here for your information.

(Please note that hard copies of this document are available from the school if needed. Rather than come in to the school, we ask that any family wanting a hard copy of the booklet, ring the school at the start of Term 2 and simply request one and it will be posted out to you.)

As has been flagged earlier with you, significant changes to the assessment for Year 11 have had to be made in the current environment and arrangements as a result of the worldwide pandemic.

The most significant changes to assessment policy and procedures generally are summarised in Section 13 on page six (6) of the new booklet. That new section reads as follows:

"13. HOW IS ASSESSMENT DIFFERENT WHILE THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IS KEEPING EVERYONE AT HOME?"

This is a time of great uncertainty, so please, if in doubt ASK your teacher, head teacher or the deputy!

The main changes, until we return to school, are:

- i. With the difficulties presented by in-class tasks and practical tasks in a range of courses, many Year 11 courses have seen teachers make changes to the formal assessment schedule. So, have a look at each of your courses and take note of those changes. Unless NESAs direct otherwise, the changes in this booklet will be permanent no matter what happens with the Coronavirus and the date we return to the school site.
- ii. Variations procedure and policy:
  - a. If you are unable to submit a task on time, you must notify your teacher and the relevant head teacher.
  - b. The head teacher will decide whether your reason for not submitting the task is valid and an extension of time will be granted, OR, your reason is invalid, zero marks awarded and the task rescheduled.
  - c. If after being notified of the variation decision by the Head Teacher, you believe the decision that has been made is unfair, you may appeal that decision to the Deputy Principal, Curriculum (DPC).
  - d. The rules around variations set out elsewhere in this document, otherwise continue to apply.
  - e. If you engage in plagiarism, your variation will be referred directly to the DPC for decision and action"

Students are strongly encouraged to read the booklet and look closely at the amended assessment schedules for all the courses that they are studying.

It is vital that if students, or their families, are unsure about any aspect of assessment, that they ask questions to clarify their understanding.

Please contact me at the school by telephone if there are any concerns around Year 11 assessment and I will return your call and answer your question as soon as possible.

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