

Dear Year 12 students and families

The new HSC 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 and ask that one be posted out to them.)

As has been flagged earlier with you, significant changes to the assessment for Year 12 have had to be made, including moving the HSC Trial Examinations to Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 3.

The most significant changes to assessment policy and procedures generally are summarised in Section 13 on page five 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! The main changes, until we return to school, are:

- i. The Trial Examinations have been moved to Weeks 7 and 8 in Term Three. These dates will not change.
- ii. With the difficulties presented by in-class tasks and practical tasks in a range of courses, as well as the change to the timing of the Trial Examinations, every HSC course has seen teachers make changes to the formal assessment schedule. So, have a look at each of your courses and take note of those changes. These changes will be permanent no matter what happens with the Coronavirus and returning to the school site.
- iii. 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 and I will return your call and answer your question as soon as possible.

Thank you.

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Deputy Principal