

Principal's Update for Year 12 Students

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Dear all

NESA has indicated that the HSC will continue for 2020.

Effective immediately the Board is giving principals the power to make decisions about the number and weighting of HSC formal assessment tasks for their school in 2020.

At this point in time I am looking at every HSC subject to determine the number as well as the weighting of assessment tasks completed.

The Chair of the NESA Board Professor Peter Shergold has stated that he has three important messages for HSC students:

1. While we recognise we are facing an unprecedented situation, we want to assure you that you will be able to get a HSC certificate this year, and that the certificate will facilitate access to university, further education and employment, as it has for students over the past 50 years.
2. Keep learning, do your assessments as advised by your school, make progress on your major projects where you can and, most importantly, look after yourself, whether you are at school or at home. Reach out to family, friends and your teachers if you need to.
3. If you get sick, your school and NESA have provisions to ensure you are not disadvantaged.

For Mosman High the first day of fully online learning took place yesterday. Teachers spent the day focusing on preparing online lessons and units of work for all classes.

Yesterday after school all teachers worked in faculty groups for three hours with an online teaching/learning expert to plan what online resources each faculty would use that best suits their subject.

All teachers use Google classroom but they are also looking at extra ways to facilitate the best learning for our students.

They looked at sequencing of units of work to ensure the next unit they deliver is online friendly.

They developed plans of responsibility in terms of ensuring that the work delivered is keeping students on track for their HSC. Completion of this work ensures that students meet HSC mandatory requirements.

Any software or hardware required by teachers to facilitate optimum learning will be purchased by the school.

Year 12 students who are doing major works will be contacted by their teachers for immersion sessions at school in the following days.

NESA will be sending further information to schools and the community shortly on:

1. work placements for VET students
2. students working on a group drama, dance or music performance

3. students completing projects and major works.

I have been informed that for drama group pieces; they are never started until term 2.

Finally Year 12 advisers Ms Plunkett and Mr Garner have a Google classroom for all Year 12 students and the students receive updated general communication via this method.

I will be reviewing with my executive team the necessity for assessments in term 2. This will be confirmed at the start of next term.

Almost all subjects have completed assessments for term 1, 2020. There are only a small number that are being completed online before the end of this term.

The trial HSC examinations at this point will continue as stated on the calendar.

Semester 1 reports will be sent to families by post.

Please encourage your student to check their Google classroom in all their subjects and submit the tasks assigned for feedback.

Best wishes

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