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Dear Year 12 Parent,

We are approaching a crucial time in the education journey of your child and I would like to explain a few ideas and initiatives we are doing to improve the learning experience for your child. By now all students would have completed their first assessment tasks for their HSC courses, one of up to four assessment tasks throughout the course. The accumulation of these assessments allows our teachers to estimate what we believe each student has achieved based on benchmark data and a strong understanding of the performance descriptors for each course. The HSC exams at the end, in October, are used to measure and moderate the estimated mark we have submitted for each student. The real work needs to be done now in each assessment as this is the basis of their true HSC results, not the actual HSC moderating exams.

Once the library re-opens, we believe will be early next term, the year 12 learning centre will be located in the library for use by all HSC students. This space enjoys the great support from all teachers particularly Mr Chris Murray who runs the learning centre. By now all students should have completed an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) assisting in setting goals and establishing motivation within each student. As a parent you should be discussing your child's ILP with them every few weeks, keeping track of when their assessments are due and providing support where possible around these assessments.

From the first day of term 2 year 12 will move to a nine day fortnight having no timetabled classes on Wednesday week A. We currently conduct eight hours of tuition per fortnight per 2-unit course. This equates to 280 hours of tuition for a 240 hour course. We will move to 7 hours per fortnight from the first day of term 2, 2020. The advantages and rules around this initiative follow:

- Excursions which are not date-determined by the venue will occur on this Wednesday reducing interruptions to other subjects.
- Representative Sport competitions will be attempted to be played on these days to minimise disruptions to learning.
- Students working on Visual Arts bodies of work, Industrial Technology major works, Society & Culture personal interest projects, performance majors and other major assessments will be able to come to school on this Wednesday week A and work on their items for a full six hours with minimal teacher supervision and assistance by negotiation with the teacher.
- Students may attend on this day and work on group or individual assignments and assessments in the learning centre.
- Students who have a N-Award warning **MUST** come to school on this Wednesday to clear their warning.

Any parent who may have a concern regarding this initiative or any other concern should contact me at school at your convenience to discuss your concern. There is no greater relationship in support of your child's education than that between the school and home. We are looking forward to all year 12 parent's attendance at the parent & teacher night and I encourage all of you to take an active role and attend this valuable night on Tuesday 31 March, booking instructions on-line will be issued shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ken Bates

Principal

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