

## Year 12 Information update Monday 4 May 2020

Hi Year 12,

I hope you are all doing reasonably well considering the circumstances we are in. We have developed a plan to get you back on track working towards a full-time return. We have had to wait for advice from NESAs, the Department of Education and the Premier to formulate this plan.

Year 12 will return to school from 11 May three days per week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A revised timetable will be introduced which allows students and teachers to attend classes with minimal contact with other students. Each day will only have two lessons, each being 2.5 hours each with one break of 30 minutes between them. Each day will have two different line subjects as follows:

		Monday L1 & 2	Wednesday L5 & 3	Friday L4 & 6
<b>Pd 1</b>	9.00am – 11.30am	English Adv English Stand English Studies	Music Legal Studies Mod History PDHPE Physics Food Tech	Drama Photography Ancient History Business Studies PDHPE Construction
<b>Lunch</b>	11.30am – 12.00pm			
<b>Pd 2</b>	12.00pm – 2.30pm	Maths Adv Maths Std1 Maths Std2 CAFS	Visual Arts Business Studies CAFS SLR Chemistry	Modern History Biology Hospitality Multimedia IT Timber

### Rooming

Room allocations will be done this week and sent to you via your email and on google classrooms. There are a few classes that are below 11 and will therefore take place in a normal sized classroom. Specialist rooms that are large enough to maintain safety such as Science labs, CAPA and TAS rooms, all other lessons will take place in double classrooms in A and C block and the demountable library. We may also use the performance space when drama is not on.

### Staff

In most classes you will have the teacher you started the year with. Some courses teachers have been changed and we have three new teachers in the school who have joined us this term. As you may be aware, we are told teachers are far more susceptible to this virus than children and because of this we may have some teachers who are not able to attend school until phase 4 when all staff and students are back full-time. We have 25 staff members who were classified as 'vulnerable', most being teachers. If your teacher is unable to attend school until phase 4 we will have a substitute teacher to take your class in their absence. If this is not possible your teacher will continue to teach your class via zoom. This lesson could take place at home or at school, whichever suits you and where you have access to technology. We will discuss this with individual classes over the next week once we establish which vulnerable staff will be attending. The Department of Education is providing a ruling on vulnerable staff this week. We have many great staff who are prepared to come in to

teach their year 12 class and perhaps their year 11 class despite putting themselves or their family at risk.

## **Technology**

The Department of Education has promised to supply laptop computers for our year 11 & 12 students who have no access to devices. These devices were supposed to be delivered to our school last term in week 10. As they had not arrived, we have now given those students laptops from the schools supply. We have very limited stock due to the vast number we lost in the library fire and have not had them replaced yet while we wait for the library refurbishment to be completed. When the new laptops arrive we will swap them with the school laptops.

## **Learning Centre**

The Learning Centre will be open with Mr Murray every day, however, if you don't have a lesson in the morning you may arrive at 11.30am for your 2<sup>nd</sup> period and if you don't have an afternoon lesson you may leave at 11.30am after period 1. Apart from the brilliant assistance received from Mr Murray, the Learning Centre is available for students who need to be at school or have no way of travelling to or from school in the middle of the day. If we have too many students attending the learning centre and not obeying social distance laws we will have to suspend the use of the learning centre.

## **Practical subjects and major works / bodies of work**

I have asked our teachers of subjects where there are bodies of work or major works to negotiate with your class another day or half-day in the week for you to come in and work on your projects. This year they will not be marked externally by NESA HSC examiners but by your teachers. Your portfolios and exams will be marked externally. The practical components have been extended by two weeks.

## **Roll Call, Attendance and Playground**

Rolls will be marked each lesson and you are expected to attend. If you are unable to attend due to being sick please inform the school on the day. If you are unable to attend as your parents would like you to stay home due to Covid19 please inform the school and the absence will not be recorded as 'absent' but 'flexible'.

Each day you are at school there will be another year group in attendance (year 8 on Wednesday and Year 10 on Friday). They will have roll call at 8.50am in the quad. When that bell sounds please make your way to your first lesson for your roll to be marked. Recess and lunch will be at a different time to the other year group on the day.

## **NESA Update**

**The HSC will go ahead as normal with the timetable released on Friday 15 May.** There have been some amendments to the assessment schedules and rules for the HSC. NESA no longer prescribe what type of assessments we need to give you in year 12, the number is up to the Principal, the type of assessment and how much each assessment is worth. I am working with the Head Teachers to determine a new schedule for each subject, these may or may not change, we will inform you once we have had time to determine a fair schedule. The following is taken from the NESA site:

## Advice to students

These tips will help you, whatever further changes may be made to the HSC:

- Focus on right now
- Keep learning, keep submitting your assessments and listen to your teachers.
- Look after yourself, whether you are at school or at home.
- Reach out to family, friends and your teachers if you need to.
- Go to [UAC COVID-19 updates](#) for information about entering university in 2021.