



Friday 30th July 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I thank you for your patience, in light of the recent announcements from our Premier Gladys Berejiklian of the extension of the lockdown until August 28 and the subsequent implications for Year 12. We wanted to take the time to fully consider the implications so that we could provide you with a well considered plan.

Ski and Snowboard Weekend

Unfortunately, with the extension of lockdown, the proposed College Ski and Snowboard Weekend has been cancelled. Parents have the option of;

1. Requesting a full refund (please provide us with the account name, BSB and account number)
2. Transfer the funds to offset school fees

Please contact magy.adam@syd.catholic.edu.au and she will process your request as soon as possible.

Year 12 Program

Return to School

While the NSW Government has signaled the return to school of Year 12 on August 16, after serious consideration and in consultation with Sydney Catholic Schools we have decided that we will not request Year 12 to return to school until we feel that it is safe, hopefully that will be August 30 or sooner if the risks are reduced. However, the school is always open and some students may opt to return to access technology and suitable study conditions. I understand that most students would love to return to school, but until it is safe for us to be together, this simply cannot happen.

Trial HSC

The Trial HSC is essentially preparation for the HSC Exams and provides students with a dress rehearsal for the HSC exams in October/November. This valuable experience and feedback for all students is something that we will need to organise between now and the HSC.

However, the numerical value of the Trial HSC is generally about 30% of the school based assessment and it is important in finalising the ranking of students in each subject, which is what we submit to the NESA. The overall school based assessment program contributes 50% to the overall HSC Mark, as such the weighting of the Trial HSC is essentially about 15% for each subject. On this basis, we have decided to develop an alternative school based final assessment in each subject.

Attached is a link to an excellent video that explains the HSC School assessment process and its impact on students [CLICK HERE](#).

Term 3 Assessment for each subject will be an on-line activity. Notifications will be sent to you on 2 August detailing the subject specific requirements, but in general we can confirm:

- They will be issued and submitted on-line

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- They will be “open book” in so much as you can bring prepared resources into the assessment BUT you are asked to not access on-line search engines (this is a terrible use of time).
- The maximum working time will be 60 minutes, with pre and post time allocated for reading, planning and submission. The subject-specific information will be in your notification.
- The weighting remains at approximately 30% as previously published for each subject
- The timetable will be published for the period 16 to 26 August.
- There will be no scheduled Zoom meets during the period 16-26 August – except those confirmed with your individual teachers for assistance/consolidation.
- The assessment activities will be designed to allow you to demonstrate your growth of understanding in each course.

Please find the revised Term 3 Assessment Schedule by [CLICKING HERE](#).

CSSA Trials

The CSSA trials will not be used as our Term 3 Assessment. They will be reserved and used as practice papers as soon as we can responsibly simulate exam conditions on-site. You will receive feedback on your performance, but these practice papers will NOT contribute to your school-based assessment.

Vaccinations

I strongly encourage all parents, staff and students to consider the role of vaccination in assisting to protect yourself and others. The Government has offered a free vaccination program for all Yr 12 students. **These will be available at Qudos Arena Olympic Park from August 9.** The details on **how to book these vaccinations** will be communicated to all families after they have been presented to the school. The decision to be vaccinated is a personal family decision in consultation with your medical practitioner.

Rapid Antigen Testing

We will provide all families with the details of the proposed antigen testing regime when it comes to hand, at this stage we have not been given any formal advice.

Graduation and Formal

At this stage we are planning for the Year 12 Graduation to be broadcast via Youtube as we did last year, on Friday September 17th. We are planning a wonderful celebration that will include the traditional breakfast, concert, major awards ceremony, entertainment at recess and lunch and finishing the day with a beautiful Mass and Candle Ceremony. Due to the change of the HSC dates we have moved the Formal to **Monday November 15th**, after the HSC Examinations.

Meeting with Year 12

I met with year 12 today to discuss everything that is in this letter and allowed them time to voice their concerns and opinions as well as ask questions. This was very successful and I thank them for participating so well in the session. You can view the slide show that was used during the meeting by [CLICKING HERE](#).

The continuation of Online Learning For Week 4

Monday 2nd August	All students online learning
Tuesday 3rd August	All students online learning
Wednesday 4th August	All students online learning

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Thursday 5th August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Years 7 - 11 online learning periods 1-3. ○ Sports Time: 12.30 - 2.30pm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yrs 7 - 11 students will be involved in a Sports Olympic Challenge with fun activities and competitions organised by our Sports Department that can be videoed and submitted and House points will be allocated. More information will be sent to students via Compass. ○ Yr 12 Study Day (No formal lessons) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 12 students who are completing a major work (Timber, DAT, Art, Music) that cannot be done at home can work on their major work ALL DAY and are asked to email their teacher beforehand if they intend to come in. All other Year 12 students are expected to be involved in Subject Study classes or private study.
Friday 6th August	All Students online learning

I hope that this will provide all students with some certainty and direction. I again ask that you make contact with Mr Turley, Ms Emmi, Mr Logiotatos, Ms McLaughlin or myself if you or your friends need any support

We are committed to working with you to give you the very best educational opportunities that we can provide at Trinity.

God bless you all



Mr Delmage
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