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Dear Parents/Guardian of Year 12 Students,

We are writing to provide you with another update on the 2020 HSC. A meeting of all education ministers across Australia was held yesterday. The Federal Education Minister – Dan Tehan – issued a statement late Wednesday afternoon noting the following key points;

1. There will NOT be an additional year of schooling for the 2020 Year 12 cohort. You may have seen some speculation in the media of a so called Year 13 – this idea has been outright rejected by the Ministers;
2. All Year 12 students who are eligible will receive a leaving certificate at the end of the year, in our case your child will receive a Higher School Certificate as long as they meet the usual eligibility requirements;
3. 2020 Year 12 students will have full access to entry into university and vocational education like they would have had without the impact of COVID-19
4. Governments will continue to work with the university and vocational education sectors to determine the best and fairest processes for 2021 enrolment; and
5. There will be mechanisms within the ATAR process to factor in impacts to learning as a result of the disruptions caused by COVID-19.

NESA also issued some important information on Wednesday as well. They too reiterate the points made above. The specific advice to students from NESA and which we have reinforced to students through our Year meetings and messages is:

- Keep learning, do your assessments.
- Look after yourself whether you are at home or at school.
- Reach out to family, friends and your teachers if you need to.

There will be adjustments to the assessment schedule for some subjects in response to remote learning. Where changes are needed Heads of Department and teachers will advise your child.

We are constantly updating students on any advice we receive from the Universities Admission Centre (UAC), the universities and NESA. This is being done on the Year 12 Teams page and through our regular year meetings. It is important that your child is checking this site regularly for information and is logging in for the year meetings.

Below is some specific NESAs advice for students in selected courses.

Oral Examinations for students of Arabic

NESA advises that students should continue to prepare for HSC oral exams. The Arabic exam remains scheduled for Saturday 22 August. Should there be any change we will notify parents and students immediately.

Society and Culture Personal Interest Project (PIP)

NESA's COVID-19 Response Committee is currently considering the PIP and will issue advice shortly which will pass onto students and parents as soon as it becomes available.

VET students

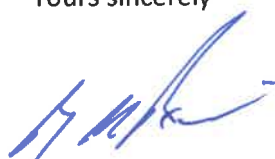
Year 12 students undertaking a VET course through NSW-TAFE will move to remote learning from 27 April and we will advise parents and students once we have more information on this. There will be no work placement requirements for VET students

As you know Year 12 Practice Examinations commenced last week. These exams follow the schedule outlined in the examination timetable your child has. These exams will continue in Week 1 of next term. Teachers are sending the examination on the morning of the exam and students are expected to complete the exam and return it in accordance with the teacher's instructions. These practice exams are a key component in preparing your child for the HSC exams that are still scheduled to take place from October. It is critical that students receive feedback and guidance and we ask that you ensure that your child is completing these exams and returning them to their teacher.

Our teachers are continuing to support your child's learning through remote learning, including live lessons through the Teams format. It is important that Year 12 students remain focused. They need to be logging into lessons, completing their assigned worked and making the submissions that their teachers have requested.

We wish your family a safe time and Ramadan Mubarak for the holy month ahead.

Yours sincerely



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