



## From the Principal's Desk – Term 3 Week 5 2021

Dear parents, carers

Supporting students in making well informed choices about their choice of subjects at school can lead them to have a more optimistic outlook on life, sense of purpose and greater level of contribution that they make to their families and society.

Careers information, advice and guidance is a powerful tool to play an important role in curriculum that supports:

- students' interests, strengths, and aspirations.
- students' achievements.
- students making informed decisions about their subject choices and pathways.

With the length and extent of the current disruptions to classroom teaching still unclear, our subject selection for our Year 10 students moving into the Preliminary and HSC program in 2022 and Year 8 Elective subject choices for Stage 5 will be conducted through an on-line format.

### 2022 Stage 6 Subject Selections

On 17 August from 4.30pm parents/carers and Year 10 students are invited to a Subject Selection Webinar. During this session information will be provided relating Higher School Certificate (HSC) and Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligibility, external courses, and school-based apprenticeship/traineeship opportunities.

Please join us on the evening for the opportunity to ask questions and prepare your child for the subject selection process.

On 20 August during **periods 2 and 3**, all Year 10 students will be invited to attend a Zoom session with Head Teachers from each Key Learning Area (KLA). During this time, specific information will be provided by each Head Teachers on subjects offered in their KLA, with an open forum for questions and answers.

Please note, Head Teachers will be available from **3.30pm** if you need further information and to ask questions. Parents/carers are also encouraged to have an open conversation with their child during this time to discuss their goals and career aspirations. Translator support will be available during the Zoom session.

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Week	Date	Time	Event
Week 6	17/08/21	Tuesday - 4.30pm	Parent Subject Selection Information Webinar.
Week 6	20/08/21	Friday Periods 2/3	Student focused Head Teacher Subject Selection Talks.
Week 6	28/08/21	Friday 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Student/parent Q&A with Heads Teachers and faculty representatives.
Week 7	27/08/21	Friday - 3.00pm	Due Date Subject Selection Forms.

**Note, Year 10 Subject Selection forms are due by Friday 28 August 2021.**

Please refer to the school webpage for further information, including the 2022 Year11 Subject Selection Booklet and the on-line Subject Selection Form. If you would like to organise a time to speak with our Careers Adviser Ms Benitez, please contact the High School main office.

### 2022 Stage 5 Elective Subject Selections

Equally, important is high quality career guidance for our Year 8 students so they are more engaged in their education and motivated about the future. The following schedule outlines the timelines and events to inform students and parents about Stage 5 Elective Subject selection.

Week	Date	Time	Event
Week 5	12/08/2021	Thursday - Period 4	Elective Subject Information package to students
Week 7	24/08/21	Tuesday - 4.30pm	Elective Subject Selection Parents/carers Q&A Webinar.  (Parents/carers will be invited to register attendance beforehand. Translator support will also be available during the Webinar).

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<b>Week 7</b>	<b>26/08/21</b>	<b>Thursday - Periods 3/4</b>	<b>Student focused Head Teacher Subject Selection Talks.</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>3/09/21</b>	<b>Friday - 3.00pm</b>	<b>Due date Subject Selection forms.</b>

For further information, please refer to the school webpage including the Stage 5 Elective Subject Selection Booklet and the on-line Elective Selection Form.

**Note, Year 8 Elective Subject Selection forms are due by Friday 3 September 2021.**

### **Year 12 - Student Trial Examination Protocols**

As communicated, our HSC Trial examinations will be conducted on-line between Monday 16 Monday August and Monday 30 August 2021 and within the following guidelines.

1. Each examination will be open-book and exactly one hour longer as indicated in the revised HSC examination schedule issued to students on Friday 6 August 2021.
2. Students will need to submit their work as a Google form for multiple choice questions, or as a Google doc for short and extended response answers.
3. Follow student examination protocols as outlined in the Year 12 Trial HSC On-line Assessments - Student Protocols (refer to attachment).

I know this is a challenging time for you I assure you that your teachers understand the challenges you are facing and are working hard to support you to perform to your best ability. My finest wishes to all students in a very different delivery mode for the 2021 Trial HSC Examinations.

### **HSC Oral examinations**

In recent communications, NESA has advised that the 2021 HSC Oral examinations have been cancelled following updated advice from NSW Health.

This means that the Secondary College of Languages teachers will provide marks for student's Language Oral exam. As part of the process, teachers will take into consideration any impact of COVID-19 has had on student preparations. Marks will be moderated by NESA against the externally marked component of the course.

I encourage students and their families to reach out to their Secondary College of Languages teachers to seek support and guidance as you prepare for the HSC examinations.

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## Updated Advice on School Assessment - Year 7-11

- Please be advised that the end of course examinations scheduled from Monday 30 August 2021 to Friday 10 September 2021) for Year 11 students has been cancelled.
- Following NESA guidelines, students will be provided with adequate written notice of the changes in the scheduling and to the nature and structure of the alternative assessment tasks.
- Year 7-10 assessment tasks scheduled in Term 3 will go ahead as planned (refer to Year 7-10 Assessment Procedures and Policy).

## The key messages for all students

- Processes are in place to ensure your hard work is rewarded.
- Keep learning and submitting classwork and assessment tasks.

## Year 12 Vaccination Program Update

As you are aware, Year 12 students can now take advantage of the NSW Government's vaccine program, by booking an appointment through the NSW Health Vaccination Centre.

While most students will travel to Qudos Bank Arena at Sydney Olympic Park by private or public transport, for any students that are unable to travel independently or use public transport the NSW Department of Education has arranged for taxi transport.

## Eligibility for use of the service

Students must:

- have a vaccination booking at Qudos Bank Arena.
- identify themselves as being unable to be transported by their parents or do not have access to public transport.
- be 16 years and above.
- be enrolled to sit one or more Higher School Certificate subjects (or otherwise completing Year 12 in 2021, including Year 12 TAFE) at a school located in an area of concern **OR** have a permanent home address in an area of concern but attend school elsewhere.

## Parents, carers or guardians

A parent, carer or guardian who lives in the same household can accompany a student in the taxi. However, parents, carers or guardians cannot accompany the student into the vaccination centre.

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They must wait away from the vaccination centre and ensure they meet NSW Government social distancing requirements.

Further advice about the assistance for students with disabilities who will require additional support while at the vaccination centre will be provided separately when available.

Please note, that if you need to take advantage of this taxi service you need to receive my prior approval. If you are in this situation, please contact the High School office via email or telephone and our school administrative staff will talk you through the steps in managing access to the taxi service.

The decisions that young people make at school have a big impact on their lives with high quality career education and guidance an essential part in preparing our students for their future. Students are more engaged in education and highly motivated about their future when they have a clear understanding of themselves and how they might live and work when they leave school.

In supporting our community in this ever changing COVID-19 landscape there has been a tremendous effort by our Careers Advisor, Ms Benitez in developing, so expertly, our on-line subject and elective selection platform. Congratulations to all staff involved, and I encourage our Year 10 and Year 8 students and their families to engage fully in the on-line sessions.

If you have any queries or need support, please do not hesitate to contact the main High School office (Office Hours 8.30am-3.00pm).

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