



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

High School Certificate Update

Dear parents and carers,

With evolving COVID situation in Greater Sydney, NSW Health, NSW Department of Education, and NESAs have made many new announcements about the High School Certificate. In summary:

No return date for Year 12 students

As previously communicated, the NSW Department of Education indicated that Year 12 students would be returning to school on Monday, 16 August 2021.

However, in consideration of NSW Health advice, the NSW Department of Education has announced that students who attend school in the 8 identified LGA's, including the Liverpool LGA, will not be returning to school on Monday, 16 August 2021. At this time, there is **no** scheduled return date with all Miller students, including Year 12, continuing to learn from home.

The NSW Department of Education has also advised that all students will have the opportunity to complete their HSC. Planning is underway to ensure that the final examinations can occur in a COVID-safe way.

Trial High School Certificate

The NSW Department of Education has directed all Year 12 students in Greater Sydney to sit assessments and their HSC Trial examinations from home under a revised, more flexible pandemic blueprint. This is consistent with the advice we have shared with you and our Year 12 students in all recent formal communications.

With the need for consistency and to keep any changes to the HSC Trial examination schedule shared with students on 5 August 2021 to a minimum, all examinations will be conducted online within the following guidelines.

2. Each examination will be open-book and exactly one hour longer than indicated in the Trial HSC examination schedule (5 August 2021). All students received a copy of this revised schedule on Friday, 6 August 2021.
3. Students will submit their work as a Google form for multiple-choice questions or a Google doc for short and extended responses. Some subjects may require students to photograph their handwritten answers and upload these answers for marking.



Further information relating to the Trail examination procedures will be shared with students early next week.

To build confidence, I encourage all students to continue to engage fully with online learning and practice Higher School Certificate examination related skills during the catch-up/revision weeks advised.

HSC Student Vaccination Update

NSW Health has advised of changed travel arrangements for students to the Qudos Bank Arena Vaccination Centre. Briefly:

- The proposed specialised bus service from school to Qudos Bank Arena has been cancelled.
- Parents and students must make their own independent travel arrangements to attend the Qudos Bank Arena for vaccinations.
- To book a vaccination appointment, a link will be sent to the mobile phone number that the school has provided to NSW Health.

Other important information:

- Students must bring the mobile phone they used to register to scan a QR code on the way in.
- Photo identification is required. A photo ID can include a current Australian driver's license, passport or school ID.
- If the student is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or a household contact is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (or in isolation), they **must not** attend their vaccination appointment.

Please refer to the attached information provided by NSW Health. Parents and students are encouraged to call the NSW Health COVID-19 Vaccination Program Hotline on 1800 571 155 if you have any questions.

You can also access information on the NSW Department of Education website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families/hsc-exam-advice/hsc-student-vaccinations-within-identified-lgas.html>

I will continue to communicate the latest information to ensure the best possible educational outcomes possible for our HSC students whilst maintaining the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

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

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Would you please click on the link below for further information.

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