

CHSC END OF TERM 2 UPDATE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a very difficult term for staff, students and our wider community. Each day I receive COVID-19 updates from the Department of Education which contain new conditions that we must comply with. I want to thank everyone for their flexibility and resilience throughout these times of great change.

I must admit to really looking forward to spending some time during the break riding my bike, walking along the beach and most importantly looking after my health and wellbeing. I hope all of you join me in finding time to do what makes you happy and healthy.

I know at this time of the year there is a lot of stress as assessment tasks are due and Year 12 students are starting to prepare for Trial Exams. Here is an interesting website with great videos for parents <u>https://parents.au.reachout.com/</u> and students <u>https://au.reachout.com/</u>.

Major works are also being finished. For those who are a bit unsure about the deadlines I have included them in the calendar at the end of this email.

We are unable to run our Enrolment Open Day this year so we have decided to run virtual enrolment information sessions and TV advertisements. We know from our market research that family and friends are the major influencers on a student's decision to come to the Senior College. So please spread the word about the college and the many opportunities that you have experienced here. All the information required to enrol at the college will be on our website ready to commence enrolments at the beginning of next term.

I hope everyone has a great break and I look forward to catching up with you on 21 July.

Warm regards

Dianne Marshall PSM

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP

Congratulations to Rowan Campbell who has been selected as President and Jeremy Higgins, Vice President of the 2020/21 Student Leadership Group. The President and Vice President are supported by an enthusiastic, committed Executive team of Kaylee Dobson, Kira Goodwin, Kaidyn Hovermann and Sam Nichols.

It has been a disrupted year for the Student Leadership Group and this team is keen to start work on building relationships and creating opportunities for students at the Senior College.

There will be a handover at the student meeting on Day 1 next term. We will be thanking our outgoing President Allana Ryan-Silvia, Vice President Brea Watts and their Executive team then.

YEAR 11 MID COURSE REPORTS

Year 11 Mid Course Reports are now available on the Parent Portal. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, their contact details can be found on the College website at: https://www.seniorcollege.com.au/staff-list/

YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

The Year 12 Trial Examination timetable has been finalised and can be found here: <u>https://www.seniorcollege.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Year-12-Exam-Package.pdf</u>

YEAR 12 GRADUATION AND FORMAL

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on large gatherings the Year 12 Graduation will now be a student only occasion in D Theatre. The date has been changed to the last day of Term 3, Friday 25 September at 11am. We are still working on the logistics around videoing the occasion and making it available for everyone to watch over the break.

The Year 12 Formal has been delayed until after the HSC exams. The date and venue have not been finalised because we are waiting on COVID-19 restriction updates.

DIGITAL WELLBEING

Some of our students have developed some bad habits around using their digital devices for gaming and other online activities at night and into the early morning hours. For those students and parents who are battling with this issue, here are some interesting websites for you to look at:

For parents:

https://parents.au.reachout.com/skills-to-build/wellbeing/things-to-try-technology https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/parenting/caring-for/teenagers/chapters/onlinecomputer-gaming https://headspace.org.au/assets/Uploads/Understanding-Gaming-FAF.pdf https://raisingchildren.net.au/teens/entertainment-technology https://digitalnutrition.com.au/

For students:

https://headspace.org.au/assets/20-Healthy-internet-gaming-headspace-fact-sheet-WEB-V2.pdf

https://headspace.org.au/assets/21-Screen-time-headspace-fact-sheet-WEB-V2.pdf https://headspace.org.au/assets/23-Sleep-and-Gaming-headspace-fact-sheet-WEB-V2.pdf

CURRICULUM REVIEW

In May 2018, the NSW Government announced the launch of the NSW Curriculum Review. This was the first comprehensive review of the NSW primary and secondary curriculum since 1989, and aimed to equip students to continue to contribute to Australian society in the 21st century. The final report was published last week.

If you are interested in reading more about the Curriculum Review here is a link to the Summary of Recommendations: <u>https://nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au/pdfs/phase-</u><u>3/resources/chapters/Summary_of_NSW_Curriculum_Review_recommendations.pdf?delive</u> ryName=DM3301

COLLEGE CALENDAR

For the most up to date version always refer to the college website: <u>http://www.seniorcollege.com.au/full-calendar/</u>

Term 3 2020

20 July – Staff Development Day 21 July – Students Return – 9am Student Meeting in D Theatre 29 July – Mentor Session – 9am to 11am

TBA – Virtual HSC Showcase Nights

3 August – Society & Culture PIP completion and hand-in

10 – 28 August – Year 12 Trial Exams

21 August – English Extension 2 major works completion and hand-in

24 August - Drama projects completion and hand-in

27 August - Industrial Technology major projects completion and hand-in

28 August – Year 11 Mentor Session 9am – 11am

31 August – Textiles & Design major projects completion and hand-in

7 September – Music submitted works completion and hand-in

10 September – Design & Technology major projects completion and hand-in

14 September – Visual Arts Bodies of Work completion and hand-in

14 -25 September – Year 11 Final Assessment Period

25 September – Year 12 Graduation (students only), 11am D Theatre (video of ceremony available over break)

25 September – Last day of Term 3