



COFFS HARBOUR SENIOR COLLEGE

CHSC BEGINNING OF TERM 3 UPDATE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 3. I am writing this email knowing the COVID-19 situation has become unstable in NSW and many of the restrictions that we are currently operating under are being reviewed.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we won't be having an Enrolment Open Day so please invite friends and family who are considering enrolling at the Senior College to look at our website for more information on the enrolment process: www.seniorcollege.com.au

Year 12 students are also getting ready to hand in Major Works and prepare for their Trial Examinations which commence in week 4. The Year 11 final assessment period occurs at the end of the term. The secret to success is be well prepared, be positive and focused. It is quite normal to feel some anxiety around exam time.

My recommendation is to start now – don't leave everything until the night before because cramming does not work. You should be taking notes, making summaries, testing yourself, attending the Study Centre, talking to your teachers and following their advice.

If you are not coping with your studies, you should see your class teacher first and if you need additional assistance, Vicki Greer our Learning Support Coordinator is available from Monday to Thursday. Ryan Squires our counsellor is also available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday most weeks.

Best wishes to everyone for a busy term ahead.

Dianne Marshall PSM

INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Trial Exams

The Year 12 Trial Examination timetable has been finalised and can be found here:

<https://www.seniorcollege.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Year-12-Exam-Package.pdf>

Expectations after the Trial Exams

Year 12 students are expected to attend ALL scheduled classes after the Trial Exams. Most subjects are covering new course content during this time. Attendance will be marked every lesson.

Year 12 Graduation and Formal

The current advice from the Department of Education restricts school assemblies to 15 minutes with no external visitors. We are still preparing to video the graduation on the last day of term, however, if this restriction is still in place we will have to look at other options. The formal has been postponed until after the HSC Exams and we hope venues will be able to host it in some form at this time. More information will be provided over the term.

Year 12 References

Year 12 students can request a college reference be written for them – applications are available online by no later than 11 September 2020. The reference will be posted to students, along with their text book bond refund, after they have returned their textbooks and completed the signing out process. If an early reference is required for a scholarship application, students are to organise this with their mentor and inform the Principal when the reference is required.

If you would like to receive a college reference, you will need to complete the Google Form attached to this link.

bit.ly/chscreference

Remember that you need to be signed in to your DoE provided Gmail account (studentID@education.nsw.gov.au) NOT a personal account.

If you have any issues, please contact christopher.webb@det.nsw.edu.au

N DETERMINATIONS

A friendly reminder that those warning letters which are sent home for incomplete work need to be addressed immediately.

On Friday 4 September 2020, I am required to certify that each Year 12 student has completed all their courses. On Friday 16 October I am going through the same process for Year 11 students.

For me to do this there must be enough evidence that you have:

1. followed the course
2. applied yourself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences that the school provided in the course
3. achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

For courses that include school assessment marks, you must also make a genuine attempt at assessment tasks that make up over 50% of the possible school assessment marks for that course.

Most HSC VET Industry Curriculum Framework courses, and some other VET courses, also require students to work set hours to develop industry competencies and practise learned skills. You must complete any required work placements, or the school may find you have not genuinely attempted to complete the course.

Students with two outstanding warning letters at the appropriate date listed above will be deemed to have not completed a course. This means:

- you will receive no results in that course
- the course will not appear on your NESA record
- the course will not count towards your HSC pattern of study. I will tell you in writing and inform NESA if you did not complete a course. You will then have the right to appeal to the school against this determination. If your appeal is unsuccessful, you can appeal to NESA. I will explain this to you and tell you how to appeal.

Please contact your class teachers if you are uncertain about outstanding course work. I will be interviewing students who have two (2) outstanding warning letters in a subject.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

For the most up to date version always refer to the college website:

<http://www.seniorcollege.com.au/full-calendar/>

Term 3 2020

29 July – Mentor Session – 9am to 11am

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

25 September – Last day of Term 3

Term 4 2020

12 October – Day 1 students and staff