

15 August 2021

Dear Students, Parents, Caregivers and Families

Catholic schools are committed to Year 12 students receiving a HSC award in 2021 whilst ensuring that the safety and wellbeing of students and staff is secured. We remain dedicated to providing our students with high quality holistic learning and development opportunities, consistent with a Catholic ethos and concern for the whole person.

Acknowledging that the pandemic continues to surprise us, we need to provide as much certainty and clear guidance as possible for students and their families.

The ongoing discussions and cooperation with Government and Independent school sectors has been a strength of school responses to the unfolding crisis. The Department of Education, Independent sector, NESA and Catholic Schools NSW have approved a number of modifications or alternatives to the HSC Trial Examinations to further ensure Year 12 students are supported to attain their HSC.

You will find below information on how and when the HSC Trial Examinations will take place as well as instructions on how to collect resources, equipment and works. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. If you have any questions regarding specific subjects or tasks, please contact your son or daughter's teacher by email.

CONTACTLESS PICK UP - RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT

- Students will be permitted on site on Monday, 16 August between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm to collect required items from the College. Contact the College office for alternatives to these times.
- Students are permitted to be onsite for no longer than 20 minutes.
- Students must wear a mask at all times while on site and must maintain a distance of at least 1.5 metres from other people.
- Visitors/parents are not permitted onsite to assist students collecting items.

TRIAL EXAMINATION PROCESS

NESA, Catholic Schools NSW and the Catholic Schools Office have provided a range of possible options for approaching a final assessment task for HSC students in lieu of sitting Trial HSC examinations face-to-face on the school site.

Year 12 students will be contacted directly by their subject teachers by school email, to inform them of the changes to the remaining Trial HSC assessments that are scheduled for Week 6 (16 – 20 August). Please note that the Trial HSC examinations that have already taken place remain unchanged.

An amended Trial HSC assessment timetable for the second week of the Trial Examinations (16 – 20 August) will be shared with all Year 12 students on Monday 16 August.

LOAN OF EQUIPMENT

Some equipment may be loaned to students to complete assessment tasks or classwork as required. Students are asked to communicate any resources that they require with their Pastoral Care teacher or the College office.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and support throughout these challenging times.

Kind regards,



Mark Nunan
Principal