



6 September 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Staff

Further to the attached letter from Sally Towns, Diocese of Lismore Director of Catholic Schools, I write to both echo Sally's sentiments and give you the Newman College **DRAFT** scenario planning for Term 4 2021.

As Sally mentions in her letter there is still so much uncertainty and much that has not been addressed or confirmed by NSW Health or NESA, including the final HSC exam timetable. Therefore, the work Newman staff have done on planning can only be a draft. We are, however, endeavouring to give clarity wherever possible to our Year 12 students and families. We appreciate too that Year 12 teachers are continually trying to plan for how best to assist students with their completion of qualifications, courses and where relevant, HSC exam preparation.

The health and wellbeing of our staff, students and families will be at the forefront of our decision-making and will follow the NSW Health and CSNSW guidelines. For this reason, we can confirm the celebrations and Graduation events scheduled for Week 10 Term 3 will be moved into Term 4. Additionally, due to the HSC exams now taking place from 9 November we will look to reschedule the Graduation Dinner to after the exams.

Week 1 5-8 Oct	Year 12 return to the College dependent on the updated health advice. This will provide opportunities to connect with peers and staff, collect or return items, be informed and updated on proposed celebration events, finalise classwork, competency outcomes, assessment and where relevant HSC exam preparation. SbATs to work with employers as required. No workplace learning. If students cannot return to the College, Year 12 students will not return to formal blended learning classes.
Weeks 2-3 11-22 Oct	HSC exam preparation for students in English Standard and Mathematics Standard 2 plus students who choose to do any optional HSC exams. Details will be provided in Week 1.
Week 4 25-29 Oct	No formal classes. End of school activities. Monday 25 October: Graduation Assembly and Major Awards Presentation.
Week 5 1-5 Nov	Independent HSC exam preparation and study for relevant courses and students.
Week 6-7 9 Nov	HSC commences Tuesday 9 November. At this stage, we do not have the full HSC timetable and will provide those details when they come to hand.
Week 8 25 Nov	Graduation Dinner with students, staff and families. Outdoor event in the Newman College grounds

*Unless restrictions change, only Year 12 students and staff will be able to attend the Graduation Assembly and Major Awards presentation. These events will be live streamed for families so that they are able to share in the celebration. The details on how to access this will be provided in future correspondence if required.

Once again we sincerely thank you for your support and will keep you informed as further advice is provided to us in the coming weeks. We wish Year 12 the best and once again thank students for their resilience and patience during this time.

Yours sincerely

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Principal