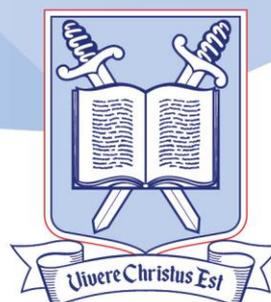


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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

COVID-19 Update No. 14.

Today we received some further guidance from NESA, the body that mandates curriculum, ROSA and the HSC in NSW. It is vital information for our Stage 6 students and particularly for our HSC students.

Before I inform you about the update regarding the HSC, a number of students and parents have asked about the **ROSA – Record of School Achievement**. At this point, there has been no official word about the award of this credential. I suspect that they are very busy with the HSC and Stage 6 requirements at this stage, making sure that they address all the issues pertaining to that credential. My advice is that students in Year 10, 11 and 12 who might be looking towards using this credential in the future to do what all students should be doing. Continue to work hard, continue to engage in learning in all you subjects. By doing that, you will easily satisfy the requirements of the ROSA. Like the HSC, adjustments will be made and NESA will ensure that no student is disadvantaged as a result of the current situation.

For students in **Year 11 in general** and **students in Year 12** who are in subjects with major projects/performances and VET subject areas, NESA have made the following determinations:

- Principals can now determine the number, type and weighting of tasks **for Year 11 assessment** which is now in line with the decision for Year 12. Leaders of Pedagogy in consultation with Mrs Carter will be adjusting Year 11 assessment the same way that they have been working to adjust Year 12 assessment. New guidelines for assessment will be published at the beginning of Term 2.
- The requirement for students to complete **VET work placement** has been lifted.
- **Mandatory group performance** exam in **Drama** and **Music Extension** has been cancelled.
- Further advice will be provided for the modification of (individual) **performance exams in Drama and Music** that breach social distancing requirements.

Further information about major projects for **Visual Arts, Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, Textiles and Design, English Extension 2** and **Society and Culture** will be provided next week after NESA's Covid-19 Response Committee meets again.

In my letter to Year 12 students earlier this week I said that these decisions might not have been made until early next term. I am pleased that NESAs are making these determinations so that HSC students have some more clarity about the future. It seems that some appropriate and sensible decisions are being made to support our students.

You would have received a letter from the Catholic Schools Office via Compass about possible Pupil Free Days in the lead up to the Easter Holidays. At this point I do not have any more details. As soon as I do, I will let you know.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. I hope and pray that your worlds are not too crazy at the moment and that you all continue to be safe and well.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Selmes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal