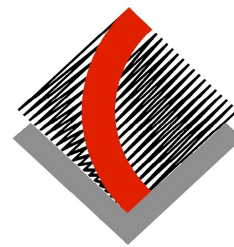


30 July 2021



COVID-19 Update

Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers,

No doubt you have seen the latest announcements from the Premier extending the lockdown until 28 August. What this means for students in Years 7 to 11 is that “learning from home” will continue in the same format we have been using for the past three weeks until at least this date. Whilst I understand the challenge this presents for students, staff, and parents we have no choice in the matter.

Year 12, at this stage are to be allowed back on site from August 16. In the light of this decision the school has determined that the AP4 examinations will now commence on this date. Students will soon receive a new timetable and will need to discard the one which has the examinations commencing on 9 August. Allowance will be made for any student who is scheduled to have a performance or LOTE HSC examination during the period of the AP4s. Year 11 students studying the accelerated Aboriginal Studies course will have their trial exam during this period.

The state government and DoE have indicated there will be additional restrictions and regulations to allow students to attend. At this stage I am seeking clarification on what we, as a school, must do and what is expected of students, to ensure we can run these tests safely and successfully. I will communicate this information to you once these details are released to schools.

As far as end of Year 12 activities go, including graduation, the school is seeking advice from the Department of Education about what may or may not be allowed. Once we have clarification, we will make appropriate contingency plans. As always, you will be kept up to date via the usual communication channels. Year 12 should rest assured that the school will ensure they are farewelled from school in an appropriate fashion.

Year 11 AP2 examinations scheduled to commence August 30 may be rescheduled. At this point we are looking at all options but, given we have some time up our sleeve we will wait for further updates from the Premier and the DoE before making final decisions.

Once again, I remind you, student wellbeing remains an absolute priority for us all. Mr Hind, our Head Teacher Wellbeing, has provided details of the support available to students in a separate email to families. However, it is worth remembering that counsellor support is available, and we do have a specific CANVAS page for student wellbeing.

Thank you for your continued understanding during this very trying time. If you have questions or concerns relating to any of the information provided, please contact the school via email on cths@cths.nsw.edu.au.

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