

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the last term of 2020 for all Asquith Boys High School students, in what has been nothing short of a very eventful year. It was great to see all the students and staff returning this week happy and refreshed for the last term of the year.

As the term progresses further, I anticipate guidelines and restrictions may be adjusted or changed. When this occurs, we will respond accordingly and also endeavour to inform all the school community.

Year 12 HSC – Commencing Tuesday 20th

Year 12 will commence their HSC examination on Tuesday 20th October and conclude on Wednesday 18th November. I know that as a school community you will all join me in wishing the Year 12 cohort the very best, not only for their HSC Examinations but also for their futures. With a year like no other, they have been resilient and committed to achieving to their very best despite the introduced educational restrictions and associated guidelines surrounding health concerns.

Alternate venues for the HSC Examinations, in the event that the school is required to close, have been organised and this information has been communicated to both students and parents. These venues include Asquith Girls High School, Asquith Bowling Club and Asquith Golf Club, and will only be required in the event of the school needing to be closed due to the COVID-19 situation.

Year 10 Yearly Examinations - Thursday 12th to Tuesday 17th

Year 10 Yearly Examinations have been adjusted due to the later commencement and conclusion of the HSC Examinations. This has resulted in this amendment to the school calendar and the examination period for Year 10. Student timetables for these examinations will be shared with all the Year 10 students closer to this date.

Year 11 (now 2021 Year 12) Assessment Booklets and Study Skills

Year 11 received their Assessment Booklets on Wednesday before participating in a Study Skills presentation with Dr Prue Salter. The key to presenting this important information to the Year 11 students is to ensure they commence their HSC course journey equipped with the best practices and procedures to maximise their learning through quality preparation time and study skill tips. For the first time, Year 11 also completed a goal setting presentation from Ms Connolly, our Head Teacher – Learning and Engagement. All the students completing a number of smaller group activities and discussions with Year Advisers, Deputy Principal's or myself. The overarching goal of this initiative being to support and assist the Year 11 students to plan and study successfully, so that they can achieve their personal best.

Parent Pick-up and Year 11 Drivers

Students must cross at the crossing as the risk of being hit by a car is high. Please ensure that your son does cross at the appropriate place of an afternoon. To encourage this practice, parking in the side street – Hyacinth St where many of the senior students park, is the wisest place to collect your son safely of an afternoon and ensuring that they cross safely at the crossing.

Students who are unwell

Thank you to all the parents who have been supportive of this request. This is even more important from the commencement of Term 4, with respect to ensuring that our Year 12 students and their HSC Examinations are not placed at any risk due to the school coming into contact with a COVID-19 case.

A reminder that if your son has presented for a COVID test a copy of the confirmation of a negative result must be forwarded to the school, once your son's symptoms are resolved and prior to them returning to school. Negative test results are communicated through SMS notifications by NSW Health, and a copy of this being emailed to the school will be sufficient.

However, if any student presents to school unwell, they will be forwarded to the front office for parents to collect. They will not be able to remain at school and in sick bay.

Parents are still asked to:

- Not enter the school grounds for any reason unless an appointment has been made.
- Keep students home if they have **ANY** symptom of being unwell, however mild.
- Follow normal absentee procedures, should your son be too unwell to attend school.

We will continue to advise and inform you as restrictions are released, and appreciate your support with the ever changing and very complex nature of the circumstances that exist, not only within the school environment but in society at the present time.

Thank you again for your support with all of these areas and concerns, and here is to a term where we hope that the number of cases continues to be low and restrictions begin to be lifted so that a sense of normal can be achieved.

Mr Bryce Grant

Principal – Asquith Boys High School

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