

YEAR 12 END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES 2020

Dear Parent/Caregiver

As the HSC approaches we are writing to advise you of the Year 12 Graduation celebrations organised by the school. At this significant time we ask all families to support their daughters in the transition to post-school life. It is of the utmost importance that end of Year 12 activities are conducted responsibly, ensuring memories which can be reflected upon with pride.

Included below is an outline of the events and relevant details for Year 12 students at this school.

FINAL WEEKS – Term 3

The main task for Year 12 students during these final weeks at school is to continue their preparation for the HSC examination.

In 2020 HSC students are expected to attend classes as normal until HSC exams commence on October 20th (week 2 of Term 4).

Please see the link below for the latest NESA COVID advice on HSC exams:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19/coronavirus-advice/hsc/covid-19-safe-hsc-exams>

HSC Exam Timetable

All students have been issued with their HSC Examination timetable by NESA. A copy of the timetable is on the school website. A link is available:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/c196ecd5-fab0-4a4b-8a42-39c8ad26abf8/2020-hsc-written-exam-timetable.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=>

School Reference

All students will be issued with an application for a school reference. Individualised school references will be issued to each student upon finalisation of the sign out process. Sign-out forms and invoices will be issued to the students during a Year meeting. Sign out day is set for Wednesday November 11 at this time. Any change to procedure will be advised.

Illness/Misadventure during the HSC

Students will be issued with this information during a Year meeting. Deputy Principal Ms Ronayne is the contact for Illness/Misadventure. The relevant NESA link is:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/illness-misadventure>

Scholarships and Careers Information

Information and applications regarding scholarships have been emailed to students throughout the year. It is the student's responsibility to make the school aware of their intentions to apply for a scholarship, in order to meet the scholarship deadlines requested by different institutions. Please see Ms Ronayne, Deputy or Ms Conroy, Careers Adviser. Other essential information includes:-

University Admissions 2021

Students will have received a UAC Guide for 2020-2021. This is an essential resource for all students



intending to undertake tertiary education. It outlines available courses in differing NSW Universities, as well as detailing the lowest entrance scores (ATARs) for university courses in 2020.

NB: UAC = Universities Admissions Centre
ATAR = Australian Tertiary Admission Rank

UAC Application Dates and Fees

Early Bird Applications: 1 April 20 - midnight 30 Sep 2020 (\$70 fee)

Standard Applications: 1 Oct 20 – midnight 5 Feb 2021 (\$200 fee)

Educational Access Schemes (EAS)

Educational Access Schemes supports those students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage in gaining entry into university. Applications are submitted online through UAC.

EAS applications: 20 November 2020

Applications are still accepted after this date as applications are often ongoing or arise after this date. However applications after this date will not be considered for Round 1 offers.

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS)

Schools Recommendation Schemes aims to help students gain access to higher education using a wide range of selection criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Applications for SRS are submitted online through UAC. SRS applications due: 20 September 2020

Equity Scholarships - Application via UAC

Equity Scholarships assist disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education. Other scholarships are available for application through individual institutions, see the Careers Moodle Page for details.

All Careers information and dates are distributed via the **Careers Moodle Page**. This includes information on University, TAFE and Private Institution Open Days, Early Entry and Scholarships, available Apprenticeships and Job boards.

Teacher assistance during the HSC

Teachers are available for assistance during the examination period, however students are required to make appointments with them.

Wednesday 23 September

Year 12 Big Day Out information and notes will be distributed during an upcoming Year meeting. Provided outdoor excursions are permitted on this date the event will go ahead.

Thursday 24 September

2.00 – 3.30pm Graduation Assembly in MPC and open air afternoon tea

Due to COVID restrictions this event will be done in line with physical distancing protocols for seating and serving of food. Family and visitors **are not permitted** on site (any update will be advised).

Photography and a livestream via Zoom will be arranged.

This is a formal occasion recognising the achievements of Year 12. Every student will receive their Graduation Portfolio on stage. Students must wear full school uniform.

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM is compulsory for attendance at the assembly.

HSC Examinations

Tuesday 20 October (Day 1) – Wednesday 11 November (Day 17)

Exams commence on Tuesday 20 October with the final HSC exam being held on Wednesday 11 November. Your daughter has received her **own** copy of the HSC timetable so that she is informed of the dates and times of her examinations. Please be **thoroughly** aware of the important dates and times.

Leaving Procedure– Wednesday 11 November 2020

The official date of Year 12 sign-out is **Wednesday 11 November 2020**. Students will be issued with a sheet outlining the procedural requirements necessary for a successful sign-out at the graduation ceremony.

To ensure smooth running of the sign-out process it is essential that your daughter follows these instructions outlined. When she has completed this process (i.e. returned all text books and equipment, and paid any outstanding contributions) she will receive her School Reference and Assessment Ranking information.

It is hoped that this information will assist you in supporting your Year 12 daughter through her final weeks of school and the HSC examinations. Should you have any questions regarding the end of year activities, please contact Ms Magoffin / Ms Michos (Year Advisers) or Year 12 Deputy Principal, Ms Ronayne, on 9718 1805.

It has been a pleasure to have had your family as members of the Canterbury Girls High School community during your daughter's Secondary education. We take this opportunity to wish all Year 12 students success in the HSC and their future endeavours.

2020 Academic Recognition Assembly – tentative date, COVID depending Thursday 11 February 2021

Students who achieve a Band 5 or 6 in one or more subjects will be invited to attend the 2020 Academic Recognition Assembly on Thursday 11 February 2021. Please note this date in your calendar if you are likely to be a candidate.

Lastly, ensure your current contact details held by the school are correct, as invitation letters will be posted *after* the school receives your HSC results.

Yours sincerely



**B Conway
Principal**

17 August 2020