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Year 12 Students, Parents and Caregivers

### **RE: COMPLETION OF YEAR 12 SCHOOLING, 2020**

As you are aware, the next few weeks play a significant role in the lives of our Year 12 students as they now navigate their journey from school and into the world. The School community is proud of our Year 12 cohort. They have brought a great deal of credit to themselves and our school during their time at Coonabarabran High School and they have shown resilience in this challenging year.

Staff are working hard to prepare students for their HSC Examinations. The final weeks are very important to ensure that students maximise their success in the HSC Examinations and to keep them safe as they mark the completion of their schooling.

Significant gains can be made in the coming weeks if students stay the course and remain focused on giving of their best efforts.

#### **BETWEEN NOW AND THE COMPLETION OF THE HSC**

- \* On Tuesday, 22 September the Prefect Induction Ceremony will be held at 10.00 am. All of Year 12 will be expected to attend in full school uniform. This ceremony will be Livestreamed, details to be advised.
- \* Students are expected to attend all timetabled classes and school events up until Period 3 on Wednesday, 23 September. On this day there are special activities for Year 12 students as outlined below.
- \* On Thursday 24 September, we will celebrate the achievements of our Year 12 students at a formal Graduation Assembly beginning at 11.30 am. All students are required to be in attendance and in full school uniform. This event will be Livestreamed for parents and carers, details to be advised. After the assembly, Year 12 will be our guests at a Graduation Luncheon in the Indigenous Garden.
- \* The outstanding support that the school provides our Year 12 students will continue throughout the holidays and until the completion of examinations. Teachers have been providing additional resources and time to students to assist their preparation for the HSC. A schedule is being created to ensure that students have the opportunity for tutorial assistance during the holiday break. Please discuss the holiday program with your child to ensure that they make the most of this fantastic support. Students will receive a copy of the HSC Holiday Revision Workshops in their graduation portfolio. Past students invariably rate these workshops as having made a positive difference to their results.
- \* Subject to any advice from NSW Health, the school will hold a Graduation Formal for Year 12 on Thursday 12 November at the Shire Hall. Further details to be advised.

## YEAR 12 LAST DAY

Wednesday, 23 September will be an opportunity for Year 12 students to celebrate the end of their formal secondary schooling.

- \* Period 1 - Normal class.
- \* Period 2 - students will complete a graduation survey. This survey provides valuable feedback to guide teaching and learning for future HSC cohorts..
- \* Periods 3 and 4 - Year 12 students will be able to arrange some fun activities on the North Wall. Only Year 12 students will be involved in these activities. Prior to the end of period 4 and well in time for students to go out to the North Wall for lunch, Year 12 students will clean up and depart for the day.

In the past we have spoken to Year 12 students about the importance of safety, health, happiness and resilience during preparation for the HSC. I have been impressed with the maturity of the group and restate the importance of safe celebration and, in particular, safe driving for the entire group.

Additionally, mental health and wellbeing are fundamental to performance in the examinations. Getting a balance of study and recreation, healthy eating and sleeping well will enhance examination preparation and performance. If any further support is needed please encourage your child to speak to their Year Advisor, myself or any member of staff.

I do appreciate that it is disappointing for our Year 12 parents and their families that we cannot allow family members on site this Term and can't plan for any function prior to November 12. You can be assured that the school is committed to making Year 12's final weeks special, happy and productive.

Advice about COVID-19 protocols during the HSC will be included in the student's graduation portfolios.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



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