



LEARNING UPDATE - 24

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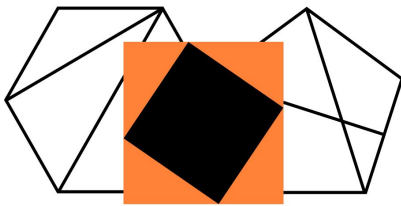
*Working so that our students feel they are known, understood, valued and **learning**.*

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Early Offers for University

Eleven of our Year 12 students from this year have already received offers from universities for 2021. This is a reminder that universities are keen to secure the enrolment of quality students well before the actual HSC exams. Some of the courses that have been offered to these students include Information Technology, Forensic Science, Science and Teaching.

ANU-AAMT National Mathematics Summer School



Congratulations on Scholarship.

We would like to inform you that **Bridget Alam** (Year 11) has been nominated for a Leon Poladian Scholarship to attend the National Mathematics Summer School (NMSS) 2021. This means that if she decides to attend the summer school, they will waive the entire financial contribution that they usually ask from students.

The Leon Poladian Scholarship will be awarded for the first time to students attending NMSS 2021. It is named in honour of the late Associate Professor Leon Poladian, a former NMSS Director, and is funded by the very generous bequest that he left to the National Mathematics Summer School. The purpose of the Leon Poladian Scholarship scheme is to attract meritorious students from a diverse range of schools and backgrounds. Congratulations to Bridget.

New Curriculum for Religious Education

Our Year 10 Religion classes and Year 12 (2021) Catholic Studies classes are now engaged with the New Curriculum for Religious Education.

In 2021, Years 9 - 12 will be using the New Curriculum for Religious Education.

This [Guide to the New Curriculum document](#) provides an introduction to this new approach to Religious education, answers some frequently asked questions and gives you an insight into what your children may be learning now and into 2021.



Year 12 2021 Update

Our new Year 12 students have started their HSC courses. Many will have Formal Assessments in coming weeks. These assessments contribute to their final assessment and HSC mark. Parents/carers wishing to be aware of when assessments are coming up can use this [Handbook](#). This summarises the NESA Assessment policy that schools must adhere to, as well as provides an Assessment Schedule for every course.

Students received a hard copy of this booklet during the week.

Year 9 Update

Our Year 9 students were recently informed about an opportunity open to them for 2021. Next year, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to replace one of their Year 10 elective courses with a Year course that can contribute to their Year 11 2022 study package. This course is a 2 unit *Preliminary Active Volunteering* course.



Year 9 students might consider this if:

- they are interested in developing their faith through action
- they are interested in community service
- they would like to challenge themselves by doing a Year 11 course during Year 10
- they have interest in VET (Vocational Education and Training) course options
- they are interested in adding a Certificate II to their resume for future employment applications

If you would like more information, please read the flyer [HERE](#) and / or contact the school for more information. This is a great opportunity that we are delighted to offer students so that they have several choices for their learning and transition to post school study and employment.

Students will be asked to express their interest before the end of the year if they wish to take this great opportunity.

Please see the pictures below from our Year 12, 2020 Graduation this week.



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