

# **LEARNING UPDATE - 34**

Friday, 8th October, 2021

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



Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Planning for Students to Return to School**



- From 18 October Year 12
- From 25 October Year Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

We know that families are concerned about the dates and organisation of students' return to school. At this point we have not provided any details about the actual nature of face to face learning for our students on their return or the steps we are taking to ensure their safety. We think it is important that we provide the very best information we have available to us as we get closer to the currently proposed dates. Find below an outline of the factors that we need to consider with our planning.

# Safety

Currently, we are waiting on more specific information in regard to the following:

- social distancing expectations for staff and students;
- area of different learning spaces (m2) available for classes of various sizes;
- ventilation of these spaces;
- organisation of canteen access;
- supervision before school, during recess and lunch and after school and the timing and organisation of these breaks;
- access to and exit from the school site.



There are also significant impacts presented by the provision of appropriate conditions for our students to sit their HSC examinations which may impact on the school more generally.

## Learning

As well as this, we have to consult with our teachers and provide guidance for them in regard to:

- assessing the wellbeing of our students as they return to school after such a long period;
- the sort of learning in which students can be engaged;
- ensuring access to learning for students who, for a variety of reasons will be unable to learn on site.

### Year 12 Update

### **Early Entrance into University**

We have dedicated staff ready to work with Year 12 students requiring support in applying for early entrance into university programs that are available. A number of our students have already taken advantage of this support and successfully gained early acceptance into their chosen courses. If your Year 12 student hasn't already utilised this available support, please encourage them to make contact with Mr Kusawarea on akuswara1@parra.catholic.edu.au or Ms Alfafara on kalfafara3@parra.catholic.edu.au.



#### **HSC Timetable**

Please find the HSC Exam Timetable summarised <u>HERE</u>. Year 12 students should now have received feedback from their teachers on their final school-based Assessment Tasks so they are now able to effectively prepare for their HSC exams. Further information will be provided about these in coming weeks, but now it is important that Year 12 students have started their study in preparation for this intensive exam block.



#### **WSU Fact Sheet**

Please find a useful article <u>HERE</u> about supporting Year 12 students provided by Western Sydney University (WSU) that you may be interested in reading.

### Year 11 Update



Year 11 students will now be finishing their Year 11 courses and commencing their Year 12 HSC courses in the coming week. It will be important that Year 11 students make a strong start in their organisation and effort. Most Year 11 students are able to 'drop' a course for Year 12. This is because Year 11 requires students to successfully complete 12 units of study and Year 11 requires 10 units of study. It is important that Year 11 students discuss their intentions for Year 12 with their parents/carers. All parents/carers will receive correspondence indicating what their child has requested online, in which you will have opportunity to discuss further, if you have any concerns.

### Year 10 Update

This term Year 10 students will be finishing their courses and demonstrating evidence of achievement for their Year 10 Record of School Achievement (RoSA). This is a certificate that students receive from NESA upon leaving school in either Year 10, 11 or 12. Students have plenty of opportunity remaining this term to take on feedback received so far this year and improve their quality of work for their final RoSA grades to be decided later this term.

#### Year 9 Update



Year 10 2022 students have the option of replacing one or two of their electives with some new course offerings, only available in Year 10. *Active Volunteering* and *Skills for Work* are great courses which are VET (Vocation, Education and Training) qualifications. There will be a Zoom presentation at 9am on Tuesday, 12th October for students interested in learning more about these elective options available to them in Year 10 2022. Students can find more information in their Stage 5 Google Classroom.

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