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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2020 YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Dear students and families of Year 11.

All members of our Keira Learning Community are always committed to preparing all Year 11 students to successfully engage the rigorous challenge of the Higher School Certificate. This prime attention and care will be no different in 2020.

This is indeed a complicated time for all of us with many varied challenges. The context of being a Year 11 student presents additional complexities and we will be relentless in ensuring that every one of you is provided the opportunities and support you need to achieve the best possible result.

Our teachers have been so impressed with the engagement of Year 11 students as we have moved to a platform of on-line learning. Congratulations, as young adults you have taken ultimate responsibility for your own learning, engaged the quality education available at Keira and continue to move confidently toward successfully completing your preliminary courses.

Important Information about School Based Assessment

Internal assessment will continue as per assessment schedules. For the duration of online learning, the key change will be the nature of the assessment task. All assessment tasks will be classified as *take-home assessment tasks*.

Year 11 students and families will be emailed *Keira High School Stage 6 Assessment via Learning Online Policy*. This policy outlines important processes and practices for *take-home assessment tasks*. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with the key changes to the policy:

- how students will receive assessment task notification
- how to submit an assessment task
- what to do if an assessment task cannot be completed

External Vocational Education and Training (EVET)

Please be advised that all TAFE NSW delivery, including EVET at TAFE NSW campuses and on school campuses, will be suspended from 30 March 2020.

For clarity during this period of suspension:

- TAFE Digital delivery for online students will proceed as usual
- Students should not attend TAFE NSW campus during EVET class time

TAFE NSW will provide further advice as the arrangements for delivery in Term 2 are finalised.

An update to the EVET Dashboard, in line with the above, will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

Supporting continuity of learning for all students

Online learning will continue until the end of Term 1. A decision about whether schools will return to normal operations after the holidays will be taken in line with the latest advice from Government and we will keep the community informed.

Support for students at home

We are able to support students with their individual learning needs when working from home. Parents should contact the school to assist you in arranging access to learning during this time. All students will be given access to learning either online or with materials provided to them by the school to support their continuity of learning.

Where students have difficulty accessing the internet, where available USB drives containing resources will be sent to students via the mail/courier. Print resources including worksheets and textbooks may also be posted to families via the mail or courier if required.

We encourage you to access the [Learning from Home](https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home) resource which provides practical advice to parents and carers on how to best create and support a productive learning environment in the home. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home>

Support for students at school

Students who attend school will receive supervision as they complete online units of work, not traditional classroom experiences.

If your child will be attending school, it is advised that students bring their own device. The school strongly recommends that students choose a laptop device to ensure that their BYOD maximises their learning experience. If your child is unable to bring their own device when attending school, there will be access to a school device.

Please take note: The school canteen will not be operational so please ensure your child brings their own recess and lunch. Students are also encouraged to bring a drink bottle.

We care greatly for every one of you as you negotiate your final years at Keira. Over the coming days and weeks, the deputy principals and myself will be contacting students and families to discuss how you are going and what further support we can provide. Please continue to communicate with your teachers and contact the school immediately if you require any additional clarification or support.

Yours sincerely,



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