



26 March 2020

Dear students and families of Year 12.

All members of our Keira Learning Community are always committed to the success of our HSC students. Family members, teachers, other staff and peers have always had a very special focus on guiding Year 12 to the very best of conclusions to their secondary education. 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 an HSC 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.

Important Information about the 2020 Higher School Certificate

At its meeting this week, the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Board confirmed that the Higher School Certificate (HSC) is going ahead in 2020, along with a commitment to providing clear and regular advice to the community about the HSC as the COVID-19 outbreak continues.

To this end, the NESA Board established a COVID-19 Response Committee to address developing issues as a matter of urgency.

Following the meeting, Chair of the NESA Board Professor Peter Shergold said he had three important messages for HSC students:

- 1. We know you are worried. While we recognise we are facing an unprecedented situation, we want to assure you that you will be able to get an HSC certificate this year, and that the certificate will facilitate access to university, further education and employment, as it has for students over the past 50 years.*
- 2. Keep learning, do your assessments as advised by your school, make progress on your major projects where you can and, most importantly, look after yourself, whether you are at school or at home. Reach out to family, friends and your teachers if you need to.*
- 3. If you get sick, your school and NESA have provisions to ensure you are not disadvantaged.*

School Based Assessment

It is important to take note of the following advice regarding assessment tasks. Particular tasks will go ahead while others will be either cancelled or placed on hold until further notice. This information is set out below:

Assessment tasks that will proceed as per assessment notification

Subject	Task	Date Due
Physics	Processing / Modelling	27 March 2020
Modern History	National Study Essay	27 March 2020
Biology	Depth Study	2 April 2020
Mathematics Extension 1	Binomial Distribution Investigation	8 April 2020
Aboriginal Studies	Major Research Task	9 April 2020
English Extension 2	Literature Review	1 May 2020
History Extension	Research Proposal	26 May 2020
Design and Technology	Innovation and Emerging Technology Research Task	29 May 2020
English Studies	Portfolio	13 August 2020
Mathematics Standard 1	Portfolio of Student Work Samples	28 August 2020
Mathematics Standard 2	Portfolio of Student Topic Summaries	28 August 2020

Assessment tasks that have been postponed until further advice

Subject	Task	Original Date Due
SLR	Aquatics	27 March 2020

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 who are attending school should not attend TAFE NSW campus during EVET class time

For the remainder of this week 25-27 March 2020 TVET classes will proceed at campuses or via remote delivery where arrangements have already been established unless students are notified otherwise (e.g. COVID-19 case at the campus).

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.

Additional Areas

The NESA COVID-19 Response Committee is also aware of the following issues:

- work placements for VET students
- students working on a group drama, dance or music performance
- students completing projects and major works

NESA will be providing specific advice to principals later this week and we will communicate with you accordingly.

Our teachers have been so impressed with the engagement of Year 12 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 the HSC examinations later this year.

We care greatly for every one of you as you negotiate your final year 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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