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Important Information about the 2020 Higher School Certificate Information for Students, Parents and Carers

Dear students and families of Year 12.

Congratulations to our students for successfully negotiating a transition to online learning. This continuity of engagement will ensure the best possible Higher School Certificate result.

The purpose of this communication is to inform our HSC students and their families with current information regarding changes to this years HSC.

Chair of the NSW Education Standards Authority Board, Professor Peter Shergold today announced a number of key decisions about the 2020 HSC made by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) COVID19 Response Committee to protect the health and safety of students, teachers and parents during this challenging time.

Significant Changes

Effective immediately, the Committee has agreed to:

- lift the requirement for VET students to undertake NESA work placements
- cancel mandatory group performance exam in Drama
- cancel mandatory the ensemble performance exam in Music Extension
- modify other performance exams that breach social distancing requirements

The Committee will meet next week to provide advice on major projects for Visual Arts, Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, Textiles and Design, English Extension 2 and Society and Culture.

Professor Shergold said today's decisions and every future decision made by the Committee will prioritise the adoption of arrangements for the 2020 HSC that are practical and do not disadvantage any student.

Professor Shergold stated:

- the Committee is continuing to meet weekly to address issues and provide up to date advice
- all students will have the opportunity to receive their HSC credential this year, so students should continue to learn, complete their assessments and taking care of themselves
- this year's HSC students will be able to continue with the next chapter of their lives, whether that's university, an apprenticeship or TAFE

A Technical Advisory Committee of assessment experts and key stakeholders is currently working to establish a fair and equitable way to calculate a mark for each of the cancelled components of the HSC. NESA will communicate this process as soon as it is finalised.

Detailed advice about today's decisions will be available on NESA's COVID advice page next week.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/news/novel-coronavirus>

Please contact the school if you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely,



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