

THE JANNALI HIGH SCHOOL

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ORGANISATION FOR Term 3, Week 7 - Term 4, Week 5 Year 12 2020

Dear parents/carers and Year 12 students

It is with a great sense of excitement and anticipation that we begin preparations for the final stage of the 2020 HSC year for our current Year 12 cohort. We all very aware of the disruption that COVID-19 and its respective restrictions have had on the 2020 school year, in particular for our Year 12 students. Because of these restrictions the decision has been made to postpone our annual Year 12 Clap Out Assembly and Formal until after the HSC exams have concluded, however, we are still unsure of what these two important events will look like. The start of the HSC exams has been delayed until 20 October 2020 therefore, the final week of Term 3 and the first week of Term 4 will be normal school weeks where every Year 12 student is expected to be at school and attend their timetabled lessons so that their teachers can help prepare them for their final exams. Unfortunately, we are also unable to run our annual Year 12 Picnic Day but again, we are considering other ways to enable Year 12 to enjoy their final weeks of their high school career whilst maintaining high expectations for continued attendance at school and engagement in learning throughout this period.

Below are important weeks and dates for parents and students to be aware of

IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 3, Week 7 (2nd September) Senior reviews Term 3, Week 10 Normal school week Term 3, Week 10 (Friday 25th September) Year 12 Reports issued Term 4, Week 1 Normal school week Term 4, Week 2 (Tuesday, 20th October) HSC exams begin Term 4, Week 5 (Wednesday, 11th November) HSC exams conclude Term 4, Week 5 (Thursday, 12th November) Sign out day Year 12 Clap out and Formal Arrangements yet to be confirmed

SENIOR REVIEWS: To further support our students, and to ensure continued academic success, all students will continue their coaching conversation with their allocated executive teacher in support of their preparations leading in to their HSC examinations. The schedule has been sent to all students via their Year Adviser Google Classroom and it is expected that students will meet with their teacher on Wednesday, 2nd September.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is **COMPULSORY** until <u>Friday</u>, <u>16th October</u>. Students are aware that the best guidance and planned revision happens in class. The expertise of staff is put into planned lessons going over required knowledge and skills, as well as practice questions and past papers.

FINAL REPORTS: Issued to students on Friday, 25th September during roll call. It is compulsory for all students to attend.

REVISION: Every student should now be revising their course work. Everyone needs a STUDY TIMETABLE and this needs to be followed, allowing an appropriate amount of time for each course. During the week before the HSC exams TJHS will put together a timetable of structured revision with teachers from each subject. Students should make use of this valuable resource. The library will also be available as a "quiet" space to study. More details will be available closer to the end of term.

SCHOOL REFERENCE: This is a key document, which students should take pride in receiving. It will be issued to all students who fill out the required application. The application must be returned to Ms McKay by **Friday**, **18**th **September**. References will be issued to students on the sign out day.

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SCHOLARSHIPS: There are a range of financial scholarships that are awarded to outstanding students who have achieved success academically and have contributed to the whole school community. More details will be provided to students about the application process. Scholarships will be presented at the graduation assembly.

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY (CLAP OUT) and SCHOOL FORMAL

The school is waiting for further information and advice from the DoE regarding formal assemblies and celebrations to mark the end of Year 12. The school will communicate this information as soon as possible.

SIGNING OUT: A "YEAR 12 CLEARANCE FORM" needs to be collected from the Office on the SIGNING OUT day which is **Thursday**, 12th **November**. For your signing out to be complete, all books and materials belonging to the school, and any outstanding monies and contributions must be paid. Books and materials should be returned to appropriate staff, in the library. All monies are to be paid to the Finance Office. References will be distributed when the clearance form is completed and returned to Ms McKay.

HSC INFORMATION: Students, please ensure that you know the dates and times of your HSC exams as you must attend at these times. Students should have logged on to "students online" to obtain their personalised timetable. There are no second chances. Students are still part of the school during the HSC, and school uniform needs to be worn to all exams. Please make sure that you bring the necessary materials. All students should carefully reread their copy of the 2020 HSC Rules and Procedures for Students. Please note that mobile phones must not be taken into the exam room. It is preferable that students do not bring their mobile phones to school during the examinations. Students can obtain a copy of their HSC results from their 'students online account'. Results are only available to download 6 months after the conclusion of HSC exams.

ILLNESS and MISADVENTURE:

As per current health advice regarding COVID-19, if a student has flu-like symptoms they are to stay home. In this case the student must contact the school prior to the exam to notify of their absence. The student must consult their doctor to obtain a medical certificate. If the student is sent for a COVID test they must again notify the school of their further absence. The student must provide evidence of their COVID test result prior to returning to school, e.g. a screen short of the text message. The student is to complete the Illness and Misadventure Form.

If a student suffers from another form of illness that prevents them from attending an exam, they are to notify the school prior to the exam start time and consult their doctor to obtain a medical certificate before completing an Illness and Misadventure Form.

If a student becomes ill during an exam they must advise the Presiding Officer and follow the procedures above. Similarly, if a student experiences unforeseen misadventure that prevents them from attending an exam, they must notify the school and complete the Illness and Misadventure Form. The student may be asked to provide documentation to support their application.

Please see the attached NESA 2020 Illness and Misadventure Student Information Guide.

In all cases, if you want NESA to take account of the difficulty, then you must complete an ILLNESS and MISADVENTURE Form and return it either one week after your final exam but no later than **Friday, 13**th **November**, to the Presiding Officer who will forward it to the Principal for comment. These forms are available from Mr Stewart and the Presiding Officer.

SCHOOLS ONLINE: A reminder to parents and students that all information and communication related to the students' HSC is located on the NESA website. This can be accessed via "students online". Students will need to use their own student number and log in details for this process. Please note, the deadline for the school to submit a HSC assessment rank appeal to NESA is the 18th November. Therefore, students should check their final ranking in each course (located on their school report) against their ranking indicated on their profile prior to this date.

Best wishes to all Year 12 students for a successful HSC and future. Remember to make the most of the time and resources that are available to you over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

DAVE STEWART Deputy Principal