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Dear Year 12 students, parents and carers,

This letter is to update you and your families on changes to the HSC and to provide information and the timetable for the planned Year 12 Masterclasses that will commence next week and continue in Week 10, Term 3, 2021.

## **Change of Date for HSC Exams**

NESA has announced the HSC exams have been rescheduled to commence on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. A revised timetable has not yet been launched by NESA. We will make sure to share information about the revised HSC timetable to you via email and on MHS Facebook page as soon as it is available.

Please make sure to keep up-to-date with the latest advice from NESA at

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home>

Visit the link below for the latest information on revised submission dates and schedules for HSC subjects.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables>

## **Specialised Curriculum Schedule and Major Works**

A huge congratulations to our students in Creative Arts, Metal Engineering and iTmber that have been on site at school and have completed their major works this week! This is quiet an achievement in a 'normal' year, but should be especially commended during a COVID lockdown.

I would also like to congratulate the students in Music and Primary Industries who have been at school taking part in the Specialised Curriculum Schedule to complete the practical elements of their HSC subjects. The way that you have all conducted yourself when you have been at school, working conscientiously and following all of the safety and hygiene measures in place to ensure the safety of our school community, is a testament to the fine young people that you are.

## **HSC Masterclasses**

To help you prepare for your exams our Year 12 teachers have prepared targeted Masterclasses, used past HSC exams and Trial HSC exam papers, to be held next week (Week 9) and Week 10 – from Monday, September 6 to Friday, September 17, 2021. There will be no Masterclasses on Friday, September 10, 2021 as the whole school takes a pause and focuses on wellbeing for R U Ok Day.

The Masterclasses are not assessable, but will be an excellent opportunity for teachers and our Year 12 students to share knowledge and touch base.

### **What are Masterclasses?**

- Year 12 course teachers will be conducting Masterclasses focused on unpacking past HSC exam papers and exam preparation.
- Teachers will share their 'tips and tricks' in successfully navigating and competing HSC exams.

### **When will this happen and how will it be delivered?**

- Teachers will communicate with students via Google Classrooms and email as to when Masterclasses will be conducted during Week 9 and 10.
- Teachers will make available copies of past HSC questions and papers.

### **Do I have to do it?**

- Masterclasses are not assessable, however, are the best way to prepare students for their HSC exams in Term 4.
- Teachers will be expecting high student engagement because they want all their students to do well and be the best they can be.

Due to the nature of the course and final assessments, the following classes will not have a Masterclass:

- SLR
- Work Studies
- Mathematics Standard 1

Please refer to the Morisset High School HSC Masterclass Timetable for more information about the dates and times of Masterclasses for Year 12 subjects.

### **Return to Learning At School**

Under the Department of Education's Roadmap for Return to Learning at School, all Year 12 students will be back to learning at school, for all subjects, from Monday, October 25, 2021 unless otherwise directed by NSW Health and the Department of Education. This date may be brought forward dependent on advice from NSW Health and the Lake Macquarie area being removed from stay-at-home and lockdown orders. Please see the previous advice sent to families and on our school website for more information. We of course will keep our whole school community informed of any changes to COVID-safe school operations.

### **Graduation and Year 12 Formal**

The annual Graduation and Formal are important events in the Morisset High School calendar and are special writes-of-passage for all Year 12 students. The current advice from the Department of Education restricts these events being held at school, and more up-to-date advice will be provided soon, based on health advice.

We understand that the uncertainty is distressing, but please rest assured. Please rest assured that your Year Adviser, Mr Tosen, and Year 12 Deputy Principal, Ms Wilson, and other MHS staff are still busy working to plan these events, and are considered alternative scenarios and arrangements so the school is best placed to deliver these milestone events once the advice is announced by the Department.


### **Your Wellbeing Matters**

We want you and your families to reach-out to your teachers and the school if you need support, advice or just a friendly and understanding ear. Our Wellbeing Team are on stand-by to take your calls or contact through Google Classroom. We also invite Year 12s to take a break from their exam preparations and join the school in taking part in R U Ok Day and a special wellbeing day on Friday, September 10, 2021.

Please also make use of the fantastic #StayHealthyHSC resources provided by the Department of Education at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/stay-healthy-HSC.html?q=>.

We believe in you and will keep you posted of any updates to the HSC and other important information as soon as it becomes available. Stay safe and remember to take breaks and reach out – we are all here to help.

Yours Truly,



Proud Principal Morisset High School