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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

First and foremost, on behalf of all staff at Winmalee High School, I would like to thank you for your trust, respect, patience and also for the many thanks we have received in acknowledgement of our work, particularly at this time. What a week it has been!

I would like to sincerely thank the entire staff at Winmalee High School for their commitment and extra efforts to not only make daily changes to their practice and routines, but also in the work that is being done to ensure continuous learning for students impacted by COVID-19. In saying this, it is important to note that we have not had any reports of anyone in our immediate community who has tested positive.

We are aware that our communication has been very frequent, but we felt it was important to keep you informed and reduce uncertainty within our control. We will continue to keep you updated. So thanks for reading!

Wednesday afternoon Sport

Thank you to Year 11 families for working with us regarding arrangements for Sport with such short notice. This worked very well and year 11 were congratulated for following the procedures and not congregating in groups, particularly around the shops.

Separate communication has been sent to Year 9/10 families to fine tune procedures for Wednesday afternoon sport. Thank you in advance to those parents and carers for following our advice.

Scripture (SRE)

We were informed this week that until further notice, scripture has been cancelled for Year 7 students. The students currently attending scripture will now participate in an Interest group class, along with the remainder of their year group. Students will be given information about their new timetabled room next week.

NAPLAN

It was announced today that Education Council has agreed that NAPLAN 2020 will not proceed to help principals, teachers and school staff focus on student learning during the outbreak of COVID-19.

Student Communication

During this COVID-19 situation, we have been considering ways in which we can still communicate effectively with our students both as year groups and as a whole school. Mr Pendergast and his Year 9 Building and Construction class trialled a classroom online meeting with me today, with a view to using this as a way to run year group meetings during



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roll call. At the moment we are relying on the PA system and we would really love to make this experience more personal and give students the opportunity to interact, make announcements and contribute.

Next week, we are planning a Year 12 group meeting before we roll this out to other year groups. Once we have established a stable process, we can look at involving our students who are working remotely in these meetings. We will keep you informed.

Year 12 – NSW Educations Standards Authority (NESA) current advice regarding the HSC

NESA has released current advice around curriculum and assessment for Year 11 and Year 12 students. The most current [information and advice information can be found on the NESA website.](#)

Next week, we will have a Year meeting with Year 12 to outline this information and give students the opportunity to ask questions.

Finally, as always, thank you to everyone that makes up our amazing school community.

Until next communication, have a safe and restful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

Voula Facas
Relieving Principal

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