



WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Some important updates have been shared with schools this afternoon, via a live broadcast from the Department of Education. The advice to schools has changed significantly and as of tomorrow, Tuesday 24 March 2020 there will be significant changes to how Winmalee High School will operate. In summary, the key messages and implications for how we will operate as a school are as follows:

- The Premier has requested that **parents and carers do not send their children to school and keep children at home, unless they are required to attend work to provide essential services**
- Schools will provide minimal supervision of learning at school, for students who are unable to remain at home
- Schools will remain open, however they will operate very differently and the regular school timetable will not be followed
- Students who remain at home and students who are minimally supervised at school will complete the same suggested learning tasks, provided by the school
- The work provided to students will not follow the regular teaching and learning programs, which are reliant on face to face teaching
- Transport will continue to be available (school buses).

At this point in time, we are mindful that there are huge implications for how we will manage a range of school related matters. For now, we would like to communicate around a few activities and routines so that students and families can plan appropriately.

- If students are unable to remain at home tomorrow due to parents/carers working to deliver essential services, these students need to report to roll call, where they will be given information about how their day will operate.
- The canteen will not be open.
- All ensembles, Drama, Music, Band, tutorials are cancelled and students should not turn up to rehearsals.
- If senior students need to collect resources or specific materials to enable them to continue on with their course work, they can liaise with their teachers to arrange this.



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- The Year 12 Mathematics Assessment will go ahead tomorrow, Tuesday 23 March 2020, Period 1. Students confirmed they would be willing to attend for period 1 only to complete the task when spoken to by the Mathematics faculty. There are students who will not attend and have made alternative arrangements for completing the task. If your child requires other arrangements to be made, they can speak with Mrs Hume tomorrow morning. Strict social distancing measures will be applied for the assessment. Students will not require a note to leave once they have completed the task, nor will they need to sign in or out.
- The NESA Board and CEO will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the HSC, assessments, major projects and course work and we will provide more detail soon. Until then, we will continue to support Year 11 and 12 to continue on with their courses as best we can.
- At present, we ask that students please complete any current assessments or course work at home. Some tasks have already been emailed to parents and students.

We will be in contact Wednesday at the latest to provide your child with school work and suggested activities that they can complete remotely. We will also provide as much clarity and detail as possible about what the next three weeks will look for us all. These are challenging times. We will also be seeking information from families regarding access to computers, printing and internet so we can determine the best way to support your child with accessing work remotely.

Please call or email the school if you need any assistance and we will do our best to support you and your family.

Best wishes,

Voula Facas
Relieving Principal

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