

Dear Year 10 students and parents

Due to the extraordinary circumstances caused by COVID-19, there will be some changes made to the Turramurra High School work experience program this year.

Many employers have contacted me saying they are no longer able to, or are now unwilling to, take work experience students due to COVID-19. Many employers who would have taken students in past years are working from home and will be for the foreseeable future and it is not appropriate for them to host a work experience student at that venue. Many students have already contacted me saying they are experiencing great difficulty in securing a work experience placement because of the COVID-19 repercussions.

Work Experience will no longer be compulsory for year 10 students this year. You will be given the option of opting in to do work experience if you wish to.

The time frame around work experience will also change. You can choose to do work experience during any week this semester as long as it does not take place in the exam weeks or the week before exams. You should also take into consideration any assessment tasks that have been scheduled for the week you wish to do your placement. The week you choose to do work experience must be negotiated with Mr Harrisson and all work experience documents must be fully completed and submitted to Mr Harrisson at least TWO weeks BEFORE the placement occurs.

The school reserves the right to not allow the placement if it deems that it has been scheduled at an inappropriate time.

In summary:

- work experience is not compulsory for Year 10 this year
- students can still choose to do work experience if they wish to and if they can find an employer who agrees to take them.
- the week of work experience must be negotiated with Mr Harrisson
- all forms must be filled in correctly and returned to Mr Harrisson at least TWO weeks BEFORE the placement occurs.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this.

Regards

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