

Dear Year 11 Families,

We are now two thirds of the way through our academic year. Only one term remains of the Year 11 Preliminary Course before your child moves into their HSC pattern of study.

Please encourage your child to keep up to date with class work and assessments. They should also be preparing study notes as the yearly exams are scheduled to start **Monday 7th September**, and will run for two weeks. Remember the effort your child puts in to preparation will pay them back with improved results. Students only need to attend school when they have an exam. They are welcome to study in the library if they find maintaining a routine is beneficial, and will need to sign in while they are there. Please ensure that your child checks their examination timetable carefully. It is recommended that they arrive 30 minutes before the exam begins and they must ensure that they have all necessary equipment for the exam; that is pens, pencils, erasers, calculators if required, rulers and any other equipment required for specific subjects. Students will need to be in **full school uniform** on days they are attending examinations or study sessions at school

It is important that your child maintains a balance as well; adequate rest, exercise, a balanced diet and a balance of family, friends and reflective time is important for your child. The greatest asset any student has is their family. Teachers can help, so advise your child to speak with their class teacher if they do not understand any key concepts on content.

A note from the canteen: Please be aware that Year 11 students can come to the canteen anytime during the exam period and be served. Post or pre-exam trips to the canteen are allowed, there is no need for them to wait for recess or lunch. Let your child know they can come to the door when they have a break and they will be served. Don't face that exam on an empty stomach!

Due to the disruption of school during terms 1 and 2, some of the compulsory "Life Ready" activities have had to be postponed. *The Life Ready syllabus is compulsory* for senior students and we are looking at completing the components such as RYDA driver training, GPs in schools and other components during week 10 so as not to disrupt examination preparation. However, these plans are subject to change as health guidelines continue to dictate our activities.

Senior jerseys are in the planning process and students have been asked to submit designs. The final stage of this process will be choosing a name and paying for the jersey before the order is placed. Any inappropriate wording will be replaced by the student's surname. The jerseys will be handed out to students early Term 2, 2021. It is important that they are paid for by the due date to avoid missing out. Payment date can not be extended as this will cause problems with production delays and then delivery will be also delayed. An email from Miss Steele will be sent out in term 3 with dates for payment etc.

I look forward to a productive term for your son/daughter before they begin the final year of school. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Miss Steele if you need anything clarified or you have any concerns.

Dates to remember:

31 July – Leadership welcome assembly
28 August – Elevate Education
7 Sept – Examinations commence.

Regards,

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