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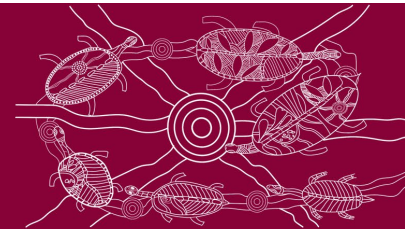
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Advice to Students and Parents – 2021 Preliminary HSC (Year 11)

Following the NSW Government's announcement on Wednesday to extend learning from home in Greater Sydney by two weeks, I would like to reassure Year 11 students that arrangements are in place to ensure no student is disadvantaged by COVID restrictions.

Yearly Preliminary HSC exams will go ahead as scheduled at the end of Term 3, although NESA is continuing to work closely with NSW Health and schools to plan contingencies for exams, and will always follow the Health advice to prioritise the safety and health of students, exam staff and school communities.

The school will publish further advice as it becomes available from NESA, including advice to determine suitable alternative assessment tasks in Term 3 should the health advice require it.

Hawkesbury High School is currently implementing the following adjustments to support students studying for the Preliminary HSC in 2021:

School Assessment – General Advice

- Any remaining assessment tasks scheduled for Term 3 will go ahead as originally planned, with the same due dates as published in the Preliminary HSC assessment booklet.
- **Outcomes** and **content** that were originally scheduled to be assessed in assessment tasks in Term 3 will not change, including the total assessment weighting of scheduled tasks.
- Depending on the nature of the task, some adjustments may be made by teachers to allow for changed circumstances and learning from home. Students will be notified of any changes when assessment tasks are formally issued, at least two weeks prior to any due date.
- Any students who may have been negatively impacted by the current lockdown, or feel that they have been placed at a disadvantage due to circumstances beyond their control, may apply for a misadventure, following the process outlined in the Preliminary HSC assessment booklet.

The school has decided not to reschedule any remaining assessment tasks in Term 3 to ensure that student feedback is timely and that students and teachers have sufficient time to act on that feedback in preparation for yearly exams at the end of Term 3. While I anticipate that every student will in some way be impacted by the lockdown, existing processes will ensure that no student is disadvantaged.

To support Year 11 students learning from home, I have attached a timetable of Zoom meetings that will commence from Monday, 19 July. These meetings will give all Year 11 students an opportunity to connect with their teachers face to face via Zoom.

For up to date information visit the NESA COVID-19 advice page:



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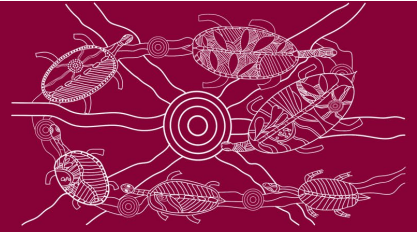
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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

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