



Year 12 Update – Term 3 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Year 12 Students,

I hope that you are all well and are settling back into some form of normality in this very uncertain and chaotic time. First of all I would like to congratulate all Year 12 Students on making it two thirds of the way through their final year of schooling! This year has been filled with a lot of unpredictable challenges and our Year 12 Students have risen to meet these challenges head on and have consistently shown impeccable resilience and a keen drive to succeed in their studies despite these challenges. Keep up the great work!! Secondly, I would like to thank all the families of Year 12 students for their support of our school and our teachers, and for supporting their Year 12s in their studies in this very challenging year.

Term 3 is going to be a very busy Term for Year 12s and is filled with a wide variety of events and opportunities that are focused on supporting Year 12 students in their studies and supporting students with their transition towards a post-school pathway.

Year 12 Term 2 Holiday Study Sessions

To further support Year 12 students in their Year 12 studies many teachers are offering optional Holiday Study Sessions in a wide range of Year 12 subjects. These Holidays sessions are a great opportunity for students to gain additional support in understanding key concepts or finishing assignments, get 1:1 feedback from the subject teacher or even help to revise for upcoming Year 12 Mid-Year Exams.

Please see the timetable below for the Year 12 Holiday Sessions that are being offered for the Term 2 Holidays. If Year 12 students are going to be accessing these amazing supports during the school holidays, all students will be required to sign in and out at the Front Office to maintain our duty of care and ensure safety of staff and students.

Date	Subject	Teacher	Time	Room
Monday the 6 th of July	Food & Hospitality	Brooks	9am - 12pm	107
	Child Studies	Dix	9am-12pm	108
	English	Cousins	9am - 3pm	204
Tuesday the 7 th of July	Chemistry	Scott	9am-12pm	202
	Drama	Cox	10am-2pm	311
	Japanese	Selby	10am - 12pm	501
	Modern History & Workplace Practices	Gradisar	12pm - 2pm	Senior School Study Space
Wednesday the 8 th of July	Physics	McDonald	12pm - 3pm	205
Monday the 13 th of July	Integrated Learning: HPE	Brown	9am - 12pm	Learning Hub
Tuesday the 14 th of July	Drama	Cox	10am - 2pm	311
Wednesday the 15 th of July	Psychology	Mills	9:30am - 10:30am	525
	Tourism	Price	10am - 12pm	Senior School Study Space



Year 12 Mid-Year Exams

During Week 1 of Term 3 we will be holding our Year 12 Mid-Year Exams. If Year 12 students have a subject that has an exam they will need to check the Timetable below and attend all scheduled exams during this week. Attendance at exams is compulsory and is a vital part of the teaching and learning of Year 12 students and forms the cornerstone of our commitment to preparing students for Year 12 Exams at the end of the Year.

All exams will be held up in the Trade Training Centre and Year 12 Students will need to arrive at least 10-15 minutes before the exam starts with pens, pencils, calculators and anything else they may need for their exams.

During Year 12 Mid-Year Exam Week some lessons may be cancelled to allow time for Year 12 students to study for exams. During this week, students will still be required to attend any lesson that is running as per usual. Individual subject teachers will be sending communication to Year 12 Students to inform them if their classes are still running during this week.

The Senior School Team would like to wish all Year 12 students good luck with their exams, but would also like to remind students that only through a commitment to study will they be able to achieve the best results they can.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.50am start	Math methods & Japanese (120 minutes)	Chemistry (120 minutes)	Psychology (120 minutes)	Physics (120 minutes)	Biology (120 minutes)
1 pm start	Essential Maths (120 minutes)	English Literary Studies (100 minutes)	General Maths (120 minutes)	Modern History (120 minutes)	Tourism (120 minutes)

Flinders UniTest

The Flinders UniTEST is an online test that has been developed by Flinders University to assess the kinds of generic reasoning and thinking skills that underpin studies at higher education and that are needed for students to be successful at this level. The Flinders UniTEST is designed for Year 12 Students and will complement existing Flinders University selection criteria such as the ATAR. Flinders University will select applicants based on both their Year 12



results (60% weighting toward the ATAR score) and UniTEST performance (40%). This year there have been some changes to the test due to COVID-19 and Flinders University will now consider applicants based on 100% of their UniTest results as a standalone entry score (subject to SACE Completion and any other pre-requisites)

Any Year 12 Student that has registered for the UniTest will be sitting this online test on Monday the 27th of July in the Trade Training Centre at 12pm. Year 12 Students will need to be up at the Trade Training Centre 10-15 minutes before the UniTest starts to register and set up their devices. All students will be required to bring their own Laptop and make sure it has a full battery. If Year 12 Students have registered for the test and require a device, then please contact Thomas Gradisar and we will organise an alternative

Year 12 Term 3 Mentoring Session Focus

During Term 3 we have a very busy Mentoring Schedule for our Year 12 Students. In addition to continuing on with Mentoring Meetings, which are an essential support to help all Year 12 Students with their studies and wellbeing, we will also be offering a range of activities to support Year 12 Students make decisions about their career pathways.

As a part of the Career Pathway focus in Mentoring in Term 3, we are excited to offer a range of Year 12 talks from a range of Tertiary Education institutions on the following dates during Mentoring on Wednesdays:

- Flinders University (29th of July)
- University of Adelaide (12th of August)
- University of South Australia (19th of August)

We are currently also in talks with Flinders University to participate in the Flinders University Open Day within the current Social Distancing regulations in mid-August, and are also working on establishing presentations from other post-school institutions such as TAFE SA and MTA.

Year 12 Formal

After the postponement of the Year 12 Formal back in March we are excited to announce that the Year 12 Formal is back on and has been scheduled for Friday the 18th September. The formal will remain at Serafino and will continue in a similar fashion to our previous communication. However, due to the unpredictable nature of this Pandemic there may be changes to this event to make sure all Social Distancing requirements are adhered to and to ensure the safety of students and the wider community.

Due to the postponement, the new deadline for final payment of formal tickets has been extended until Friday 4 September. If there are any further changes to the 2020 Year 12 Formal these will be communicated to Year 12 Students and families as soon as possible.



Thank you for your continued support of our Year 12s and our school community and we look forward to another busy and productive Term. As always, please do not hesitate to contact Thomas Gradisar on 8557 0100 or via email at thomas.gradisar589@schools.sa.edu.au if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to support your Year 12 Student achieve their best in 2020.

Kind Regards,



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