



Dear Year 12 Parents and Students,

As promised, I am writing today to update you on the details of the HSC Trial exams, which will now be sat by students at home instead of onsite.

- Exams will still be in Week 5 and 6 (i.e. from next week) and the starting times will follow the timetable that is already published and viewable on the [Year 12 page of the Secondary Hub](#).
- Teachers are working to reduce the scope and length of each exam – all the revised lengths and other details will be made available in the task description in SEQTA this week.
- We realise that compared to an exam at school, a completely secure online exam environment cannot be 100% enforced. Teachers are taking that into account as they prepare their exam questions to best assess students' learning processes and the ability to critically and creatively apply subject knowledge/content.
- Some exams may be all digital (i.e. typing) and others may use handwriting on paper. Teachers will make this clear during class this week and in the task details in SEQTA.
- Students begin each exam by going to their Google Classroom and Zoom for that subject, where they will be directed further.
- Wherever possible, exams will be supervised by the teacher of the class.

As some of the exams will use handwriting, students should ensure this week that they have a good supply of lined paper at home.

Handwritten exams will require the submission of scans or photographs of student responses. There are phone scanning apps (like "Microsoft Lens" and "Adobe Scan") that are better suited to documents than the normal camera app – I recommend that students consider downloading one of these and become familiar with it ahead of time. Students should write in a black pen to aid visibility.

May the Lord grant our Year 12 students peace, direction and focus to overcome what lies ahead during this unsettling time.

Kind regards,

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