

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

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Important College Dates

TERM 2

- 8th June Queens Birthday Public Holiday

- 26th June Last day of Term

It has been welcoming to concentrate on other issues this week as Covid 19 and remote learning absorbs most of our attention. Congratulations to Sarah Parr on the safe arrival of her son. I know her students have been concerned that she had to go on to extended leave earlier than anticipated and will be glad to know that although he has arrived several weeks early, all is going well. On behalf of the College community I wish Sarah and her family all the very best.

There has been a great deal of action on site this week with the demolition of the top carpark and pathways leading to the Technology building, and the removal of trees to clear the site for the Science build. Keep an eye on our website, we will upload videos so that you can see what works have been carried out.

While you are on the website, you will see some snapshots of student work taking place at home. The breadth of activities that we expect at school is still being undertaken. Yes, it is different but our staff are being as creative as they can be to ensure that our students are still undertaking a variety of theoretical and practical work. Classes are being exposed to guest speakers, are participating in practical sessions, coaches are still running a high quality Sports Academy and our VET program is running at full capacity for some examples. We are doing everything we can to ensure that our students are not missing out and in some cases we believe our programs are enhanced, as we can access resources not previously available.

To our VCE students and parents, thank you for your patience as we await advice from VCAA. As I messaged the VCE students yesterday, there is so much media hype about the impact this year will have on their studies and future pathways. I want to reassure you that as we have confirmed information, it will be sent out to our community. We are not engaging in speculation driven by the media, instead we are continuing with a measured and sensible approach to the VCE, supporting our students to do their best. What we do know at this stage is that

- The school year will be extended with exams being held in December
- The VCE examination timetable will be released in mid-May
- Unit 4 study designs have been modified and accredited for release and are now available on the VCAA website
- The GAT will still take place at some stage during term 4

We are currently looking at our Senior Sub School calendar adjusting the timing of transition interviews, practice exams, SAC dates and celebrations. This will be published once our timelines are confirmed.

We are currently reviewing our reporting processes for Semester 1 and have adjusted the format that ensures it is fair and equitable for all students. We are moving towards an S and N model, removing grades from our reports. We understand that our students' engagement in remote learning is varied and access to teaching and learning resources due to internet connectivity is varied. We want to acknowledge effort but do not want to disadvantage any student due to circumstances outside of their control. Parents will still have access to detailed feedback on learning tasks on COMPASS.

I hope you enjoy the weekend and we extend our best wishes to all the mums, grandmas and guardians a wonderful Mother's Day.

Allison Bennett

Principal



Statement of Commitment

DVC is committed to Child Safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect children, as well as staff and volunteers.