



# TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Year 12 students and families,

I hope that you are all keeping well and are working your way through online learning. The Hunter Lockdown resulted in all schools needing to respond quickly in an ever changing environment. The team at Toronto High School has been working tirelessly through the various guidelines and restrictions to determine workable strategies that will support our students. Not all schools will respond with the same plans, it all depends on a range of variables. I will outline some of our actions, decisions and supports below:

## **Year 12 Forum Zoom Meeting 4pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August:**

Please join myself and the Senior Executive Team as we outline the current situation and explain our key strategies. Details of the Zoom:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/69593127900?pwd=MmduM25kT3RuaXRVSXptM0trUGpUUT09>

Meeting ID: 695 9312 7900    Passcode: THS

## **Year 12 Assessment Tasks:**

All HSC Trial Examinations that were not completed prior to the lockdown announcement on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August and all in-class tasks that were originally due for submission between Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September have been cancelled. Many of these assessments will be redesigned as an alternative task, with students receiving notifications of these assessment starting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

Hand-in tasks will proceed as per published due dates and times, with arrangements to be made in consultation with the Head Teacher and Senior Executive for any physical submission requirements i.e. submissions in addition to CANVAS submissions, such as for Major Projects of Bodies of Work.

## **HSC Examinations:**

NESA have and will continue to release advice regarding external HSC assessment, including the completion of Practical Examination and completion of Major Works.

It was announced this week that the **external marking of HSC Dance and HSC Music Practical examinations has been cancelled** to limit the movement of NESA markers within or outside Greater Sydney. As part of the marking process, teachers may have their students sit the examination online or at school (where permitted) in line with Health advice, at a time that suits their local needs. Students will receive confirmation of this organisation as soon as it becomes available.

NESA advice is ever changing. It could be that by the time I publish this letter that there is additional or amended information regarding Body of Works. Toronto High School is

keeping up to date with these changes to ensure that our staff are responsive to the requirements for their students and subjects.

#### **Level 4 Year 12 Timetable:**

From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August and whilst we remain under stay-at-home orders, Year 12 students and those sitting HSC exams will **not** be able to return to full time learning on school site. Toronto High School will supplement our online learning model with a timetable of face-to-face lessons for some Year 12 and HSC students.

This timetable will ensure essential curriculum delivery and wellbeing support and includes both small masterclasses that cannot be conducted online and sessions for students to complete major works and practise for practical course components independently.

All students attending school site as part of this timetable must adhere to these strict conditions. Students must:

- enter via Field Ave gates
- attend only the timetabled classroom and not mingle with any other students
- follow strict COVID-safe practices. This includes physical distancing of 1.5 metres from other people, wearing a mask or face covering at all times, and sanitising all learning spaces
- sign attendance slips and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code
- follow the instructions of your teachers and executive on site
- leave site immediately following the 2-hour session
- NOT attend the school site if they or someone in their household has any flu-like symptoms, or if they have visited a venue of concern, or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 and are required to self-isolate
- The timetable will start with WEEK B.

#### **Wellbeing Support for Year 12 Students**

Lockdown can be a very challenging time for many people. If you or one of your friends is struggling and would like support from the THS Wellbeing Team, please access support **via the THS Wellbeing CANVAS course**. The Wellbeing Team will be organising Wellbeing Check-ins for small groups of identified Year 12 students on Fridays.

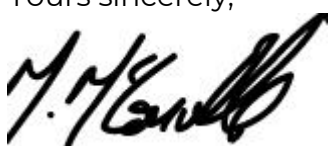
We are publishing a THS Online Wellbeing Booklet to support you with a range of strategies and support.

#### **Technology Support**

All Year 12 students have priority for a school device. If you or someone you know in Year 12 doesn't have access to technology, please contact the school.

Thanks for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,



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