

# **TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL**

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## Toronto High School Learning From Home Update – Term 3 Week 10

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

There are a few important points that need to be noted for the Week 10 update.

#### **HSC Update**

The HSC Examinations will be held from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The updated HSC Timetable and relevant information can be accessed here:

https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/.../hsc-written...

The exams will be held at Toronto High School. There will be additional COVID safe practices that will be implemented and will reflect the relevant restrictions. We will provide guidance to our Year 12 students when we are closer to the exams. The key message for all Year 12 students is to keep on studying!

Students will receive their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) on 20 January 2022. And HSC results will be released on 24 January 2022 at 6:00am.

### Last Day For Year 12

The NSW Department of Education announced late last week that the official last day for Year 12 will be Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Toronto High School will still be providing support for our Year 12 students through to the commencement of the HSC. We will be sending information out to all Year 12 students outlining the THS HSC Support Package in the next few days.

#### Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

The feedback from the Year 12 survey was fairly clear – Year 12 wanted their graduation over with as soon as possible. The graduation is organised for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. What the graduation will look like depends on the guidelines and restrictions that will be in place at the time. The decision to place the graduation at this time, will allow the school to respond to any last minute changes that might allow parents/families to attend.

#### Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 Formal is booked for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at Chateau Elan (at The Vintage, Hunter Valley). Mrs Little would like everyone there by 5pm for a 6pm start. Once again, the final details of this event will depend on the current restrictions and guidelines in place at that time.

## When Do The Students Return To School?

The current advice to families is:

1. If the Lake Macquarie LGA comes out of lockdown before 25 October (Week 4, Term 4) **all students** will return to school under Level 3 Restrictions.

2. If the Lake Macquarie LGA stays in lockdown, then from the 25<sup>th</sup> October there is **a staged return** to school. Year 12 would be able to return from the 25<sup>th</sup> October, Year 11 from 1<sup>st</sup> November and all other year groups from the 8<sup>th</sup> November. School will be operating under Level 3 PLUS restrictions for this Return to School model.

#### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Technical difficulties were experienced with some of our ZOOM Parent Teacher links. To recognise that some families may have missed their interview times, Toronto High School is offering another round of interviews for those families that may have been impacted. There will be further information posted on the THS Facebook page and you will be able to access the booking via the SENTRAL portal. I wish to apologise to all those that were inconvenienced.

#### Have a Great Break!

Make sure that everyone takes the opportunity these upcoming school holidays to refresh, recharge and relax prior to Term 4. Get outside and away from screens! You all deserve some down time after a challenging term – as do parents, many of whom have been juggling supporting their children with Learning From Home while working themselves!

Keep following the THS Facebook page, as we will continue to provide updates as required. I would like to thank the Toronto High School community for your support and understanding during this challenging time.

Kind Regards,

Mark McConville Principal