

NCEA and IB Practice Examinations Wednesday 9 September to Friday 18 September 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

After consulting our Heads of Faculty, we have decided to continue our planned and timetabled School Practice Examinations.

This means, Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be sitting Senior School Practice Examinations from **Wednesday 9 September to Friday 18 September.** All Senior School students will be granted study leave during this period. This means that they are not required to be at the College during the school day other than when they are sitting examinations.

These examinations will provide students with the necessary feedback on their externally assessed topics. In most cases, their results will also be their **Derived Grades**. These Derived Grades, will form as 'predicted grades' if a student is unable to attend the NZQA external examinations in November.

Copies of the examination timetable and instructions will be distributed to all students via their Tutors and the timetables are available on the Senior Learning page of the OLE.

If your son or daughter has a prior commitment and is unable to sit the exam as scheduled, they must see Mrs Robertson prior to Monday 7 September to arrange an alternative day and time. Approval will only be granted if it meets policy guidelines.

Outlined below are the measures put in place where there are circumstances that Year 11 and 12 students are unable to manage transport to and from the College during the day. These include:

- 1. Examinations have been scheduled at times that fit in with the normal College bus times.
- 2. Goodfellow Centre will be open as a study room for students- quiet and respectful behavior is expected from students who use this area.
- 3. Saints Café will be open, so students do not need to leave the College during lunch break.
- 4. Bruce House students will also have a study area arranged.
- Senior School students not currently holding a car pass and wanting to drive to school during the examination period can collect an application form from Student Reception or download one from the OLE. Car passes will be available for the examination period only from Monday 9 September at a cost of \$20.
- 6. Full and correct winter College uniform is to be worn whether the students are on site for examinations or for any other reason.

The College places a high premium on these College examinations. We ask you to support us in stressing their great value and importance to your son's or daughter's overall academic performance.

If a student is sick and unable to sit their examination(s) please contact their Head of House prior to 8.00am on the day of the examination. In accordance with NZQA and IB guidelines, a medical certificate <u>must</u> be provided and given to Mrs Angee Robertson, Deputy Principal.

Yours sincerely

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