



WYNDHAM COLLEGE

"Working Together to Widen Horizons"

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YEAR 12

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Dear Year 12 Students, Parents & Caregivers

The following arrangements and advice are based on the current directives from NSW Health.

Wyndham College is operating under Level 4 of the Department of Education COVID-19 Framework. At Level 4, students are learning from home, but schools are open for students and their families who need it. For those on school sites, masks are mandatory for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above.

The College will be operating through online teaching and learning until at least Friday 30 July. Regular face to face classes will not run here at the College, however, all students are expected to continue engaging with **regular timetabled classes online** through their Google Classrooms, student emails, as well as through other online platforms as directed by class teachers.

Minimal supervision will be available for students who are on site if you are not able to remain at home to continue your studies. For those on site, **all staff in all school settings and students will be required to wear masks**. All mainstream students who attend the College will be supervised in C10 and C11, while Support Unit students will be in C1 when at the college. Students, while here on site at the College, will be required to remain in one of these supervised rooms for all sessions, including study/free sessions.

The Canteen remains closed, so students who come to the College need to bring their own food and refreshments each day. The Library and the uniform shop – The School Locker – are closed until further notice.

Due to the reduced number of students in attendance here on site, toilet access will also be limited to the D-Block student toilet facilities.

If you do not have a computer and/or internet access, contact the school front office so arrangements can be made to supply you with technology.

After today's advice, we have decided to schedule the written HSC Trial Examinations Weeks 4 & 5 of Term 3. We were aiming to have students in face-to-face learning for at least a week prior to the start of the written HSC Trial commencing but this has become impossible. By starting written HSC Trial examinations in Week 4, enables the College to have access to all school facilities. St John Paul II Catholic College will be having their Trials in Weeks 5 & 6. Under NESA guidelines, schools are able to vary school based assessment programs. As such and in the best interests of our students, the

College has determined that no written HSC Trial examination will be longer than two hours in length.

Trial HSC Dance and Drama performances will still proceed next week and students involved will be contacted by their respective teachers.

NESA has advised, and are reassuring all Year 12 students, that all students who meet requirements will be eligible for a Higher School Certificate this year. In order to meet requirements, we expect all students to engage in the learning provided by their teacher and complete all required work and assessments.

If you have a major work/performance as part of your courses, during Weeks 2 & 3 of Term 3, the College will continue to provide the opportunity for Year 12 students, who are completing HSC Major Works, where this cannot be done from home, to attend the college for their timetabled long lesson/s. The courses to which this opportunity applies are -

- Dance
- Drama
- Design and Technology
- Industrial Technology
- Music
- Textiles and Design
- Visual Arts

Students who attend for the long lessons will be required to adhere to strict COVID safe practices, including physical distancing and wearing a mask or face covering. Students must only arrive in time for their class and leave the College immediately after class has ended. Students must check-in using the Services NSW QR code. Posters with this QR code have been placed adjacent to relevant classroom areas.

Work Placement and Work Experience for all courses is on hold until further notice. Students booked for these activities should continue with normal timetabled classes online. Students unable to complete a VET Work Placement, due to the impacts of COVID-19 will still be eligible for their Preliminary and HSC credit units.

Once we are in a position to return to face-to-face learning, the following will apply –

- Staff and students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19.
- Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:
 - they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
 - they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.
- In circumstances where children or staff have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.
- If parents or carers believe that their child has a condition that means it's not safe for them to return to school, they will need to provide a medical certificate. In this instance, schools should encourage these families to speak with their doctor or health care provider to develop a COVID-19 Action Plan - <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-action-plan> to support decision-making about their activities, including attendance at school.
- If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and followed up by the school. Staff should implement

revised attendance procedures incorporating use of "F" for students participating in learning from home.

- In relation to medical certificates, if there is an ongoing pattern of poor attendance and major concerns, under chapter 16a of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1999 <https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1998-157>, the principal can contact the student's GP to discuss the matter. Principals will need to provide evidence of their concern.
- If students have not returned to school, a compassionate and common-sense approach should be used. Schools should work with the student and their parent or carer to put a plan in place to support their return to school. If needed, they can apply for support from the Home School Liaison program and Learning and Wellbeing team.
- Staff must follow the COVID-19 operational guidelines while at work and when planning and engaging in teaching and learning activities. Staff should regularly review the website to ensure they have access to the latest and most up to date information.

Following are links regarding 'Cyber Safe Families' –

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing/technology/cyber-safety>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing.html?keywords=Technology&q=>

<https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/parents-articles>

As information and situations are changing rapidly, we ask that you regularly check our normal communication channels for updates – email, Facebook, Instagram, Wyndham College website.

Please find a *Guide for Students Using Video Conferencing for Remote Learning* over the page and ask you to adhere to these protocols.

We thank you for your support and understanding during this unusual time.



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