

Wyndham College

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YEAR 12

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

This is a difficult time for everyone in NSW. It is important you are kept up to date with the latest developments on how the NSW Department of Education is continuing to support schools, students and families. This is to communicate what is happening with year 12 HSC students at Wyndham College.

Staying up to date

As communicated previously the Premier and the Minister for Education announced the plans for the return to face-to-face learning.

Roadmap for Students Returning To School

Following are some details of that announcement -

- Schools will return to face-to-face learning, either a 'staged return' of 'full return' depending on NSW Health restrictions in the Blacktown LGA.
- Order of Return Year 12 students will return to face-to-face learning and wellbeing support, with NSW Health approved COVID-safe settings, on school site in the following order
 - From 25 October Year 12
 - From 1 November Year 11

HSC Students

There is new information regarding the HSC being released every week it is important that parents, carers and students access this information on the NESA website https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19/coronavirus-advice and the Department's HSC Hub - https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/stayhealthy-hsc?q=

Moving forward - Term 4

Whilst official attendance at school will not be recorded for HSC students we will continue to provide strong support for students in the lead up to the exams. Students may participate in scheduled individual and small group face-to-face and online learning to enable essential course completion and revision.

- Week 1 Tuesday October 5 up until the Friday October 8 teacher's will be a wrap up all courses for 2021. On October 7 we will conduct an end of year ZOOM assembly from 10am. Final reports will be available on-line for students and families on October https://web2.wyndhamcol-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal2/#!/login
- Weeks 2- 3 The College will be hosting 'masterclasses' for the various courses that have a HSC written examination.

 Beginning week 4 - October 25, we are hoping to be back on-site to re-connect with our students.

Written Examinations

Last Friday, NESA released the HSC exam timetable. They will start on **9 November 2021 and conclude on the 3 December.** NESA will email students' individual timetables, using the contact details entered on Students Online. Please ensure your details are correctly entered in NESA Students Online.

COVID-safe HSC Written Examinations

NESA are continuing to work very closely with NSW Health and the school sectors to develop comprehensive COVID-safe protocols for running the exams. When finalised and published by NESA these protocols will be communicated to students.

HSC Results

The changed start date for the HSC exams now means HSC results will be released 24 January, 2022.

ATARs

UAC has advised ATARs will still be calculated and offers, based on ATARs, will still be made. The revised date for ATAR is 20 January.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please contact UAC - they are here to support you in any way they can. For general queries, connect with UAC on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Instagram</u>. For more detailed questions, UAC call centre is fully operational on (02) 9752 0200 Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm. Email enquiries can be sent via UAC <u>web enquiry form</u> and Livechat is available their website.

Graduation and Formal

Wyndham College is planning for the Graduation Ceremony on Monday 6 December. The revised date for the Formal is Monday 13 December commencing at 5.30 pm at Rosehill Gardens Grand Pavilion Level 2 NORTH. The exact arrangements for both events will be communicated as details become known as COVID-19 restrictions ease.

Learning from Home

All schools across NSW are implementing and/or continuing their Learning from Home programs. The Learning From Home page - https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home - has a wide range of curriculum-based activities to further supplement your child's learning, if required.

We understand the pressures for parents and carers, in both supervising Learning From Home as well as completing their own work. Parents and carers are the best judge of what is appropriate for your child to be doing at home. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teachers, if you need further guidance or information.

As always, we thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact the College if we may be of assistance.

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