



WYNDHAM COLLEGE

“Working Together to Widen Horizons”

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YEAR 12

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Dear Year 12 Students, Parents & Caregivers,

On Wednesday the Premier announced that our HSC students will be returning to school on the 16 August. We want to reassure everyone that we will be following the strict advice and protocols as determined by NSW Health and the Department of Education.

The following information is about the Pfizer vaccinations and rapid antigen testing, that has been provided to us by the Department of Education. We know that there is keen interest from our school communities regarding the priority vaccinations rapid antigen testing for HSC students.

Vaccinations for HSC students

Qudos Bank Arena has been confirmed as the new mass vaccination centre for Year 12 students from the eight identified LGAs, including Blacktown. Details of how to access the centre will be provided as soon as they become available. Please check our website, Facebook or Instagram for updates.

Rapid antigen testing and vaccinations for HSC students

Specific advice on rapid antigen testing for HSC students in targeted LGAs will be provided when it becomes available.

The following are some of the specifics for HSC students on-site.

HSC students will be able to attend schools to:

- participate in COVID-safe trial written and oral exams
- participate in performance rehearsals (where only students who are required for the performance should attend, and only in their own performance groups)
- complete work on a practical task where the specialist equipment is required (such as a major design project).

For Wyndham students- the only students on-site will be students attending a trial HSC examination or a prearranged use of equipment to complete major works.

HSC students **are not permitted** to attend school for study groups, and other activities at school that can be conducted online.

The Department of Education has worked closely with NESAs, NSW Health and other critical stakeholders to produce updated HSC advice to schools. This advice applies to HSC Trial exams as well as preparation for the final HSC exams to take place later in the year.

All HSC students attending schools operating under Level 3 and 4 guidelines must wear a mask or face covering when on school sites. This includes during HSC exam preparations, during performances where practicable and during written exams.

To ensure the further safety for our students we will be extending our trial exams over Weeks 6, 7 and 8. We intend for students to be on-site for only one exam per day. Students must leave the school immediately the exam has finished and arrive no more than 20 minutes prior to the commencement of their exam. There will be no congregating before and after exams. HSC students and staff are not required to be on-site full time.

Students will be spread across multiple rooms and spaces.

Students who attend school sites must adhere to strict COVID-safe practices, including physical distancing and wearing a mask whenever on-site at school.

We encourage all students to continue with the online learning platforms in preparation for the Trials and the HSC.

The COVID Intensive Learning Support Program (COVID ILSP) is available to all students and the wellbeing team will continue to check in with you regularly. The college intends to conduct Zoom year meetings weekly, advising latest information that we may have.

The COVID ILSP is still operational and if any student needs additional help, please contact the Program Co-ordinator Anjani Bachu via email - anjani.bachu2@det.nsw.edu.au

If needed, students can reach out to their Year Advisers and Head Teacher Wellbeing and any student who requires urgent wellbeing and or counselling support, our School Counsellor, Anna Jakymin may be contacted via email - Anna.Jakymin@det.nsw.edu.au. Also available for contact is Juanita McMillan via email – juanita.mcmillan@det.nsw.edu.au

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

I wish to reassure all Year 12 students and their families, that the wellbeing of our students is paramount. The College will ensure no student's education will be disadvantaged. If there is anything the College can do to assist our students and their families, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Please take care.

Karen Smith
Principal