

3 September 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

### **Welcome back**

It is pleasing to have all our staff and students back at school following the lockdown period. I am sure we are all hoping for a further reduction of alert level on the 6 September when our Prime Minister reviews our situation. In the meantime, please be assured that we are following all of the health and safety advice from the Ministries of Health and Education.

### **Masks**

The government have mandated the wearing of masks for all public transport uses but has stopped short of making them compulsory for school attendance. Notwithstanding this, we encourage parents to take the additional step of asking their child to wear a mask when at school for further protection against Covid-19.

### **Senior School Practice Examinations**

As previously mentioned and following consultation with our Heads of Learning and student leaders, the school will proceed with our planned Senior School Practice Examinations.

The purpose of these practice exams is to identify learning gaps **early** and then to target specific teaching to close the gaps before students depart for NCEA external exams at the end of the year. NZQA has already delayed the start of the external examinations which will provide us with four clear weeks of teaching and learning time in Term 4 to build upon the information provided by these practice exam results.

This means, Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be sitting Senior School Practice Examinations from **Tuesday 8 September to Friday 18 September** (see timetable provided at the end of this letter). 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 their examinations. These examinations will provide students with the necessary feedback on their externally assessed topics.

### **NCEA Derived Grades**

Due to the impact that Covid-19 has had on learning time during the year, NZQA have allowed schools some flexibility to broaden our application of 'derived grades' in the possible event that there is further disruption to NCEA assessment and examinations. Previously, when students were unable to attend an NZQA end of year exam, their derived grade would be based **only** on the mark they received in the practice examinations.

Our new approach considering this year, is more holistic in that we will take into account other assessments and work completed during the year to determine a derived grade. This will allow a much fairer approach to any students who are unable to sit external examinations.

Today, senior students were advised via a short video of this 'new' process. I have included the [video link](#) here for your information. Copies of individualised examination timetables have been distributed to all students via tutor time. If your child needs another copy, they can collect one from the Student Office.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews for Senior Students

Depending on the alert level review, we plan to hold face to face parent interviews for Senior Students on Wednesday 21 October. These interviews are an important opportunity to ensure parents and students have as much feedback as possible following their practice examinations. Further information will be provided shortly about the appointment system and I encourage you to make yourself available.

Thank you again for your understanding and support leading up to the end of term 3. We will continue to focus on ways in which to maximise the limited teaching and learning time left to ensure students are well placed for their NZQA external examinations.

Yours faithfully

Mr I L Ropati  
Principal

### Term 3 Examinations: Tuesday 8 September—Friday 18 September

	Tue 8 Sep.	Wed 9 Sep.	Thur 10 Sep.	Fri 11 Sep.	Mon 14 Sep.	Tue 15 Sep.	Wed 16 Sep.	Thur 17 Sep.	Fri 18 Sep.
<b>YEAR 11 (AM)</b>	11CFD (3 hr) 11ENG (3 hr) 11ENGC (2 hr) 11ENGE (3 hr) 11ESSE (3 hr) 11ENL (2 hr)	11ENGN (2 hr) 11MASE (2 hr) 11MATE (3 hr) 11MATH (2 hr) 11MATU (2 hr) 11MATZ1 (3 hr) 11MATZ2 (3 hr) 11CPS (2hr)	11ARP (Gp B 2 hr) 11DVC (FEN/THS 3 hr) 11HES (3 hr)	11FPS (2 hr) 11MAPA (2 hr) 11SCI (3 hr)	11DGT (3 hr) 11SCIS (2 hr) 11RMT (Gp A MOS 3 hr) 11TXD (3 hr)	11MCAT (2 hr)	11BCP (Gp B 2 hr) 11PDES (2 hr) 11SIE (3 hr)	11BUS (3 hr) 11CLS (3 hr) 11EFT (Gp A 3 hr)  Subject Catch Ups 3hr	11SCI (bonus internal 3hr in G3)  Subject Catch Ups 3hr
<b>YEAR 12 (AM)</b>	12HOSF (3 hr) 12PES (2 hr) 12SES (2 hr)	12CFD (3 hr) 12ENG (3 hr) 12ENGC (2 hr) 12ENGE (3 hr) 12ESSE (3 hr)	12DAN (3 hr) 12HIS (3 hr)	12HOSS (2 hr) 12PHY (3 hr)	12CHE (3 hr) 12ECE (Gp B 3 hr) 12PTY (2 hr) 12SCI (3 hr)	12MATM (2 hr) 12MATS (2 hr)	12BIO (3 hr) 12ECO (3hr) 12MMG (1 hr)	12ARP SAR (2 hr) 12DGT (3hr) 12TSP (3 hr)  Subject Catch Ups 3hr	HOD's to organise any re-submits etc.
<b>YEAR 13 (AM)</b>	13DES (2 hr) 13DRA (3 hr) 13FRE (3 hr) 13SCI (3 hr)  <i>13CLSS (3hr)</i>	13BLE (3 hr) 13BUS (3 hr) 13HOSP (Gp A 4 hr)	13ECE (Gp A 3 hr) 13HIS (3 hr) 13HOSP (Gp B 4 hr) 13PHO (2 hr)	13PHY (3 hr) 13PHYE (3 hr) 13SES (3 hr)  <i>13MASS (3hr)</i>	13ENG (3 hr) 13ENGC (2 hr) 13ENGE (3 hr) 13ESSE (3hr) 13ENS (2 hr)  <i>13DRAS (3 hr)</i>	13MAC (3 hr) 13MAS (2 hr) 13PTY (2 hr)	13CHE (3 hr) 13CHEE (3 hr) 13DVC (Gp A 3 hr) 13TSP (3 hr)	13DAN (3 hr) 13DTE (3 hr) 13ECO (3 hr) 13HOSP (Gp C 4 hr) 13SPA (3hr)  Subject Catch Ups 3hr	
<b>YEAR 11 (PM)</b>	11GEO (3 hr) 11MES (3 hr) 11MAO (3 hr)	11ARP (Gp A 2 hr) 11BCP (Gp A 2 hr) 11DVC (HSH ex RAJ 3 hr) 11ECO (3 hr) 11OPES (2 hr)	11ACC (3 hr) 11FTH (Gp A 3 hr) 11MATI (2 hr) 11MUO (2 hr)	11DTE (3 hr) 11FTH (Gp B 3 hr) 11SOC (3 hr)	11PES (3 hr) 11RMT (Gp B MOS 3 hr)	11DRA (3 hr) 11FST (2 hr) 11SES (3 hr)	11DAN (3 hr) 11ENS (2 hr) 11HIS (3 hr)	11EFT (Gp B 3 hr) 11RMT (RAJ/ROU 3 hr) 11SCD (3 hr)  Subject Catch Ups 2hr	HOD's to organise any re-submits etc.
<b>YEAR 12 (PM)</b>	12ENF (2 hr) 12MAO (3 hr) 12PHO (2 hr) 12RMT (DUT/ROU 3 hr)	12ARI (2 hr) 12ARP HAA (2 hr) 12CLS (3 hr) 12DTE (3 hr) 12ENL (2 hr) 12MUO (2 hr)	12DVC (3 hr) 12RMT (DUT ex KYL 3 hr) 12TOU (3 hr)	12BUS (3 hr) 12COM (2 hr) 12DRA (3 hr) 12ECE (Gp A 3 hr)	12DES (2 hr) 12EFT (3 hr) 12ENS (2 hr) 12GEO (3 hr)	12HOSP (2 hr) 12MATC (3 hr)	12ACC (2 hr) 12HES (2 hr) 12MES (2 hr) 12TXD (3 hr)	12BCP (2 hr) 12FST (2 hr) 12PRG (3 hr) 12SOC (3 hr)  Subject Catch Ups 2hr	
<b>YEAR 13 (PM)</b>	13HOSS (Gp A 3 hr) 13PES (2 hr) 13TXD (3 hr)  <i>13PHYS (3 hr)</i>	13CLS (3 hr) 13FST (3 hr) 13NUF (2 hr) 13RMT (3 hr)  <i>13ENGS (3 hr)</i>	13BIO (3 hr) 13ENF (2 hr)	13ACC (2 hr) 13COM (2 hr) 13GEO (3 hr) 13HES (2 hr)	13HOSS (Gp B 3 hr) 13PRG (3 hr) 13TOU (3 hr)  <i>13HISS (3 hr)</i>	13MATM (2 hr) 13MUO (2 hr) 13PAI (2 hr)	13ECE (Gp B 3 hr) 13HOSS (Gp C 3 hr) 13MES (3 hr)  <i>13CHES (3 hr)</i> <i>13FRES (3 hr)</i>	13BCP (2 hr) 13DVC (Gp B 3 hr) 13ENL (2 hr) 13SOC (3 hr)  Subject Catch Ups 2hr	
<p>Tutor meeting for (Years 9 &amp; 10 only) during exam week will be from 12.20 to 12.30 pm. ALL morning exams begin at 8.50 am with different finishing times depending on the length of the exam. Afternoon exams begin at 1.10 pm</p>			<p>The examination rooms for each day will be displayed on a whiteboard set up outside the Library. Students who have examination clashes will be advised of their re-scheduled exam by week 3 of Term 3. Students who miss an exam due to illness will be directed to a "Catch Up" session on either Thursday 17 or Friday 18. Some students will be required by HOD's to attend re-submit sessions on Friday 18 September. All other senior students are on exam leave on Friday 18 September.</p>						