



COVID-19 Communications

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Stage 6 HSC and Preliminary Assessments Update

The NESA board met yesterday and put out a media release re the HSC and assessment tasks. The main point was that the 2020 HSC is going ahead.

NESA recognises that there is anxiety about getting to that point and advised that students keep their learning on track and continue with assessment task and major projects "where you can". This does not provide a relief from the concerns that families have, however, they then added that:

"Effective immediately the Board is giving principals or system authorities the power to make decisions about the number and weighting of HSC formal assessment tasks for their school in 2020. The Board affirms its complete trust in principals and teachers."

Advice regarding the following will be sent out soon:

- work placements for VET students
- students working on a group drama, dance or music performance
- students completing projects and major works.

What will Kariong Mountains High School Do to Support Students?

- All tasks scheduled for these last few weeks of the term have been amended, postponed or were able to continue as designed due to the nature of the task and how it needed to be submitted. This decision means that students do not lose the time and effort that has been put into the tasks.
- All postponed tasks and those scheduled for early in Term 2 will not have submission dates before Week 5 of Term 2. A decision about assessment tasks and amendments to the overall schedule will be made early in Term 2 and communicated to students and families before the end of Week 2, Term 2.
- Any decisions made will take into account fairness and access for all students. These decisions will be made to ensure that any process we put into place does not disadvantage our students in rankings within the school or in respect to moderation across schools.

Students should focus on keeping up with their lessons and seek feedback from their teachers to help achieve their best learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you need further clarification.

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