



**Learning Excellence
Integrity**

KELLYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

“We are a vibrant and innovative learning community that is committed to delivering excellence within a rich and diverse learning environment. Every student has the opportunity to achieve their personal best through engaged, active learning in a safe, respectful and supportive school. Students will grow into global digital citizens.”

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

As we slowly settle into our online platforms, its great to see so many students logging in and completing tasks. Teachers are also getting used to the new way of delivering learning experiences. If a teacher is on leave or participating in Professional Learning on a given day, there will be message on Sentral informing parents and students that their teacher will not be on line that day. They will have work set to do, but if needed they can log into the Learning Support Google Classroom and complete some literacy or numeracy tasks. This is the equivalent of having a casual at school due to a staff absence.

NESA - MEDIA RELEASE

“At its meeting yesterday, the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Board confirmed that the Higher School Certificate (HSC) is going ahead in 2020, along with a commitment to providing clear and regular advice to the community about the HSC as the COVID-19 outbreak continues. 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.

“This action provides schools with the flexibility they need to support their students in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak,” Professor Shergold said.

NESA will provide specific advice to principals about this delegation of authority later this week.” Please see the following if you would like to read the entire media release.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/news/media-releases/media-release-detail/2020-HSC-is-going-ahead>

In light of the current disruption, the Executive of the school has decided to put back the Year 12 trials until Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3 to allow students to have the maximum time face to face as possible, assuming things are more normal by then.

Until further notice before and after school classes for face to face lessons on site are cancelled but will continue online.

ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 7, 11 and 12 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS.

Although teachers are extremely busy at the moment, we also want to provide the opportunity for parents and caregivers to talk with a teacher if needed. So in regard to the Year 7, 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Interview, teachers will be able to speak by phone to parents and caregivers, if you have a particular concern in a subject.

To request a phone call, **if your child is in Years 7, 11 and 12,** you can use the Messages button in the Parent Portal, then hit the “start a conversation” button, select the teacher, then in the Subject box state your child’s name, and in the message box, request a phone call.

We are grateful for the many positive comments and feedback we are receiving. Staff have told me how very hard they are working, with many additional hours being put in to ensure our students are provided with quality learning opportunities. We will be sharing these positive comments, received as SMS replies, emails and Facebook with staff to show them your appreciation.

Yours sincerely
Jennifer Hawken
Relieving Principal