

27 March 2020

Dear Senior Students,

The Queensland Government has made the decision to bring forward the Term 1 break to Monday 30 March 2020 for all state school students. Five student free days have been declared for Monday 30 March – Friday 3 April 2020. During this period (30 March to 3 April), schools will continue to provide a program of care and supervision for children of essential workers.

Staff of state schools and community kindergartens will begin their Term 1 break on Monday, 6 April. Schools will reopen to students and staff on Monday 20 March 2020 unless health authorities advise otherwise.

Because of this, the following changes will be made:

1. For Year 11 and 12 who have assessments and exams scheduled in week 10, please refer to the communication from your teachers or Head of Departments.

However please note:

- Assignments must be submitted on the due date as stipulated by your teacher and the assessment task sheet, unless you are applying for an extension.
- An AARA application form is required for all adjustments including extensions. A copy is attached to this email. If you need to apply for AARA, please complete and return the attached form, including signatures (parent/carer and student) and relevant supporting documentation via email to either Ms Truong or Mrs Fortescue, Dean of Senior School (kfort7@eq.edu.au).
- If you are ill and require an extension for an assignment, a medical certificate or report must be completed by your doctor and submitted to Ms Truong or Mrs Fortescue along with an AARA application form for an extension to be granted.
- When completing the AARA application form, please note that self-isolating comes under the 'misadventure' category.

QCAA have made it very clear that they will not disadvantage students in this situation.

2. For Year 12 students, the QCAA has announced that they will reduce the number of assessment items required for Units 3 and 4. Currently, we complete 3 internal assessments and 1 external assessment for General subjects and 4 internal for Applied subjects. All students will have one less piece of assessment.
3. For Year 11 students currently working on Unit 1, we have the flexibility at a school level to adjust assessment to between 2 - 4 pieces across Units 1 and 2. The Head of Departments will be working on what is most appropriate for each subject.
4. Please note that Essential Mathematics and Essential English exams (Common Internal Assessments) have been postponed to Term 4 by QCAA for the entire state.
5. Students enrolled in Certificate courses with an external RTO or completing a SAT/A, please follow the directions of the RTO or your employer. If in doubt, please contact Mrs Dibble, Senior Schooling Support Officer (email: ddibb2@eq.edu.au).
6. If you **do not** have computer and/or internet access at home, please contact Ms Truong or Mrs Fortescue.

Teachers will work hard to create and provide online lessons and resources. We will wait for notification from Education Queensland and the Queensland Government around Term 2.

Can we ask that you please be considerate of teachers' time as their focus will be on preparing for online learning.

Over the term break, students will be able to have a well-earned end of term rest. It is important that you stay at home and follow the directions of the government around social distancing and hygiene. Please be kind to those less fortunate, or in difficult situations. Yeronga State High School will keep in contact and will update you on any changes. We will inform you as soon as we have new information and information about next term. Please regularly check our Facebook page and school website for updates.

Yours Sincerely

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