



LYNDHURST SECONDARY COLLEGE

Dear parents and guardians of Year 12 students,

I hope the last two weeks of remote learning have gone well for all of our school community but particularly for our Year 12 VCAL and VCE students and their parents who are supporting them. As a parent of a Year 12 student I empathise with the challenges of keeping our young person focused, motivated and positive but working together we can support them through these very challenging times. It is an extremely challenging time for all who are undertaking Year 12 this year, made particularly more arduous than normal years, by all the restrictions that are in place to keep us safe. Being stuck at home is hard enough for adults to keep motivated, but for Year 12 students, it must be very difficult and we need to acknowledge our young people's feelings and be the positive, encouraging voice for them.

VCAA and the Minister of Education has made it very clear that there will be an ATAR at the conclusion of this year for all students undertaking a scored VCE. Our VCAL students will achieve their senior certificates though the completion of their VET and course work may look a little different. Most importantly there will be a future after school for all of our Year 12 students, be it further studies or employment. I ask our parents to please keep supporting your student to maintain a routine, stay positive and keeping a balance of work, relaxation and exercise. I recommend to you the following article from The University of Melbourne, on [strategies to assist Year 12 students](#). Gentle support from you, as parents, will be very important in keeping your Year 12 student as focused and positive as possible.

There will, of course, be natural anxieties. But there is a determination, both from the College but also from the Victorian Government, that Year 12 students will not be disadvantaged by this pandemic. Please make sure you reach out to us if you notice your child is struggling and needs extra support. We are here to help in any way we can.

Below, is an update on the most current information that I have regarding the two Year 12 courses. We are still in the discussion stages with our leadership team on the potential plans for the end of Year 12 celebrations at the conclusion of the year. We will provide you further update later this term. Of course all plans will be dependent on the restrictions at the time.

Academic Update

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

The Education Minister announced on Friday that special consideration would be applied on an individual basis for every student within the VCE. The intention is to ensure that no student will be disadvantaged by the pandemic.

Exams are still proceeding as scheduled, to begin on 9 November. There are no plans yet to change any arrangements for the VCE in Term 4, other than the change in date of the General Achievement Test (GAT). **The GAT will now take place on Wednesday October 7th.**

Examinations will conclude on 2 December, with results published on 30 December.

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)

The VCAA have encouraged schools to use the existing flexibility within VCAL to adjust the learning and teaching programs for all students as they are engaged in remote learning. Our team, led by Mrs Sue Carroll is reviewing the course requirements and making the appropriate adjustments to support all of our Year 12 VCAL students to achieve the outcomes required to attain their VCAL Senior Certificate. Mrs Carroll and the VCAL team are working directly with your students to support them through this. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or require support.

There are indications that the pandemic in Victoria is beginning to get under control with the curve starting to flatten – let us hope that at the end of the Stage 4 restrictions we can start to welcome at least our Year 12 students back on site.

Stay Safe

Sincerely

Konnie Prades
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