

25 March 2020



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I provide further clarification on assessment tasks for Years 11 and 12 that has been provided by Sydney Catholic Schools today in a video conference with all Southern Region Secondary Schools across the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Specifically two (2) areas regarding assessment tasks were discussed and agreed upon:

'In-Class' Assessment Tasks - Postponed

1. In line with the advice, all Secondary Catholic Colleges across the Southern Region of Sydney Catholic Schools **have postponed all Year 11 and Year 12 'in-class' Assessment tasks**. This relates to all 'test type' assessment tasks that were scheduled to be completed on site, under timed conditions, and includes assessments such as topic tests and extended responses. This comes as a direct result of the Premier of NSW instructing schools to remain open to supervise any student unable to remain at home but urged parents to keep children at home to contain the spread of coronavirus.

'Hand-in' Assessment Tasks - to be handed in as normal

2. All submission (or 'hand-in') assessment tasks **are expected to be completed and submitted by the scheduled due date** (as per assessment notification).

Postponed Assessment Tasks

In the case of postponed assessment tasks, **students will be issued with an updated Notice of Assessment (assessment task notification)**. In accordance with the College Assessment Policy, students will be provided with a minimum of two weeks' notice of assessment before the due date of the task. The College assessment schedule and assessment calendar will also be updated and published on the College website to reflect these changes.

We are acutely aware of the sensitivities centred around assessment and the Higher School Certificate in the current environment. At all times we will be making decisions based upon directives from Sydney Catholic Schools and NESA. (NSW Education Standards Authority)

I will continue to provide updates to parents and students as they are made available through NESA.

For more information regarding assessment tasks please direct your enquiries to Mr Tony Ginestra (De La Salle, Cronulla Curriculum Coordinator) Email: antonio.ginestra@syd.catholic.edu.au

Yours faithfully

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