

Dear parents and carers,

Today, schools were provided with the latest DET Operations Guide. Other than information relating to VCE and VCAL, nothing has changed and the processes outlined in the first letter remain in place.

Year 12 VCAL and VCE students

VCE Year 12 students

Minister Merlino announced today that "...every single VCE student will be individually assessed and any adverse impacts from COVID-19 will be reflected in their ATAR ranking."

Mr Merlino said students would go into their exams "knowing that their final scores and their ATAR ranking will be a fair reflection of their year, and they will not be disadvantaged as a result of COVID-19".

At this point in time the Victorian government is unable to say how many students may have their ATARs changed as a result of the new special consideration policy.

As soon as the school receives an outline of DET guidelines I will let you know.

Applying to University

Ms Newell and Mrs Fidler have almost completed a university applications information pack which will be distributed next week. It is recommended that students and parents follow the guidance provided in the packs. **Ultimately the application process is the responsibility of the students and the parents but this information is supplied to facilitate the process.** It is advised that Year 12 students keep in regular contact with Mrs Fidler about their options, applications to university, scholarships, SEAS etc.

VCAL students

The following can continue if health and safety considerations are met:

- VET and work placements
- School Based Apprentices and Trainees (SBATs) training and employment placements.

Mrs Fidler has been communicating with employers, students and parents/carers. The decision for students to continue their work placements rests with the employer.

RIST and SW TAFE courses are also continuing and there will be times when students are required to attend on-site at the relevant tertiary institution.

Please contact Mrs Fidler via XUNO if you have any questions.

I take this opportunity, on behalf of all staff, to thank parents/ carers for the support that you are providing your children and to students for logging on promptly and for completing set work in a timely manner. Teachers and support staff have appreciated the high level of communication from most of our students and their capacity to seamlessly shift to remote online learning.

I also thank CSC staff for their professional approach to online learning and for their tireless work to ensure all students are supported to do their best.

Please make contact with the relevant person if you have any questions.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Meridith Walker – Principal

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