



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

7 July 2021

Dear Year 12 students, parents and carers (including Year 11 accelerant students and parents)

This letter follows my communication to the College community today and clarifies the specific provisions in place to ensure the continuity of learning for our HSC candidates at this critical point in their education. We are committed to providing every support to our students and maximise their opportunities in their HSC.

I am very keen to return to the College following my leave in Term 2 and I look forward to reconnecting especially with Year 12 and their families. I am fully committed to ensuring that Year 12 are not disadvantaged by the current COVID-19 restrictions, and we all continue to work together to this end.

As you would be aware, the NSW Government has directed schools to commence Term 3 Week 1 via online learning. As a result, on **Tuesday 13 July St Pius X College will commence all classes online.**

All classes will be conducted online. Students must be logged on and ready for Homeroom roll-call at 8.42am each morning. Every lesson will have a roll-call.

SPECIFIC PROVISIONS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS OF ST PIUS X COLLEGE

The College will continue to monitor the NSW Government advice and modify restrictions at the school. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) is preparing to provide schools with further advice regarding the HSC and in summary I advise students and parents that the following provisions are in place:

- Year 12 students have an exemption to come to the school on **Monday 12 July between 10.00am – 3.00pm to collect books and equipment from their locker or visit the ICT Helpdesk which will operate out of the gym for this day.** Students must leave once they have completed their business.
- There is an exemption provided for Year 12 to complete their **major works** at the school and the College will provide a roster for when Year 12 students can attend the College to work on their major work. This will be communicated to students and parents on Monday July 12.
- Currently the CSSA HSC Trials will continue as scheduled in Week 3.
- Students are encouraged to continue to communicate with their teachers about their studies and must utilise the College email system as well as Microsoft TEAMS in classes. No other social media platforms may be used.
- There will be no sport training or competition in Week 1. This includes the cancellation of competition on Saturday 17 July.
- Performing Arts co-curricula activities will be covered by a separate communication from the Performing Arts staff.
- The College Sarto Gym remains closed.

In closing, I appreciate the challenges that our Year 12 students are facing, and we are all committed to ensuring their best possible HSC. They are an incredible group of young men and I am confident that they will continue to rise to these challenges.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lynch, Mr Ticli or the Homeroom teachers and subject teachers regarding any concerns you may have.

Through these provisions we all hope that NSW will overcome the current COVID-19 outbreak and return to face to face education as soon as possible. Be sure that I will keep you informed and up to date as the current circumstances unfold.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Couani', with a small dot at the end of the line.

John Couani
Principal