



# ST PIUS X COLLEGE

## CHATSWOOD

From the Principal  
**Mr John Couani**

23 July 2021

Dear parents and caregivers

I write to you as we reach the end of Week 2 and it seems that these two weeks have gone past very quickly.

It has been a successful week of learning for the students, and I congratulated them this morning at Assembly because there are many excellent reports of their efforts and achievements in their Online Learning. Again, I thank all the students, parents and staff for a great team effort.

### **TODAY'S WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

If you didn't have a chance to join us this morning, you are welcome to view this please use the link below:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLnQFc\\_9yAU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLnQFc_9yAU) There was a bit of fun also.

### **COVID-19 "CLOSE CONTACTS"**

There have been **no positive COVID-19 cases in our College community.**

I have been advised by a number of parents and students that they have been notified by NSW Health that they are "close contacts" and as a result they must isolate and be tested. These "close contacts" have been in the Belrose, Glenrose and Forestville areas.

I offer to all those families our care and support and I do ask that parents notify the school if they have been advised that they are "close contacts". This is in order that the teachers and staff can reach out and offer assistance to the students.

### **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

As always, I emphasise the need to follow all COVID-19 protocols and the very few staff and students (for Year 12 major works) physically at the College, all adhere to registering on the NSW QR code, wearing a mask, sanitising and observing social distancing.

The vast majority of students and staff are working from home. My sincere appreciation to parents.

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

What has been happening this week?

In Years 8, 9 and 10 the students have been encouraged to analyse their Semester 1 Report and reset their goals for Semester 2 - Striving for Improvement.

In Year 8 and Year 10 their Subject Selections for 2022 are in process and the Year 8 Parent Information Evening on Wednesday was conducted with almost 100% attendance from parents. Thank you.

Year 11 are preparing their leaders for the future and nominating for positions of responsibility in 2022. They are shaping up as an excellent group to lead the College.

Great lessons in Years 5, 6 and 7 and the teachers report excellent progress this week.

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## **BREAKING NEWS – CHANGES TO HSC SCHEDULE**

NESA has announced this afternoon some significant changes to the HSC timetable. Below is the summary from NESA. Mr Lynch will communicate the changes in greater detail to HSC candidates. These changes are welcome amendments as it enables more time for students to complete major works and also to prepare their HSC. The College will consider any implications of these changes for Year 12 in our own school calendar. Below is the summary from NESA of these changes.

The NESA COVID Response Committee has made additional changes to the 2021 HSC timetable to give students certainty in the lead up to performance, practical and written examinations.

In line with Health advice, we will:

- Extend the hand in date for all major projects by 2 weeks. The hand-in date for Industrial Technology has been extended by 4 weeks
- Reschedule Drama performance exams to run from 6 to 17 September
- Music performance exams continue as scheduled, running from 30 August to 10 September
- Reschedule the written exams to begin one week later on 19 October with HSC results out on 17 December.

These changes mean all students have some additional time to prepare for exams or complete their project and still receive their results this year.

Attached to this letter also is the release from NESA to parents outlining the HSC changes.

## **ST PIUS X COLLEGE HSC TRIAL EXAMINATIONS**

While the changes to the HSC schedule have been announced this afternoon, there has been no change advised by Catholic Schools NSW to the HSC Trial Examination schedule. We continue to prepare for Trials commencing on 9 August. However, we will continue to monitor this advice and communicate any changes to HSC students as they are known.

I reassure all students and parents that whatever the outcome we will continue to work closely with our students and give them every support along the way. They are doing very well.

## **NEXT WEEK**

We look forward to next week and will continue learning and teaching online. I will communicate with you again on Wednesday in Woodchatta unless the NSW Government changes policy and protocols.

In closing, I thank all our families, the students and staff and pray that everyone stays safe and healthy.

Yours sincerely



John Couani  
Principal