

Friday February 4th 2022

Connected Learning at O'Connor Catholic College - Year 12 Flexible Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to 2022. We look forward to working with you to support your daughter/son as they progress through this year. This is a very special time for them, but is also challenging as the demands of the HSC intensify. We are always here to support you and your child throughout this year.

We learnt many lessons throughout 2020/2021 in terms of learning and what worked for our senior students. Feedback from students, parents and teachers outlined many positive and challenging aspects of Connected Learning due to COVID-19. The three main areas outlined by students that they valued during this time were - independence, flexibility and trust. We are giving our Year 12 students the opportunity to continue some of this in 2022.

In previous years, students have had studies on Friday afternoons and so could leave school early on this day. We have found that although the students liked this, not much focus on study and learning occurred. This year, Year 12 students will have the opportunity to have flexibility about where they learn on Wednesdays in Week B. Students can choose to learn at home or school on this day. This is a negotiated arrangement and will not be accessed by all students. There will be parameters set to ensure learning is happening on this day. This flexibility will help students to take ownership of their learning.

Students can use this day for a variety of purposes:

- Complete study notes
- Practice Past Papers
- Focus on their major works including their folios, in negotiation with their teachers for Design and Technology, Textiles and Design, Visual Arts and English Extension 2
- Catch up any outstanding work
- Complete work as directed by the teacher
- Meet with teachers for individual help
- Undertake work placement for traineeships/SBATs

Students who require extra support or who require teacher direction will need to attend school on Wednesdays Week B. Students who attend school will work in the library or in classrooms as negotiated with teachers. Ultimately this is a decision by parents and will be supported by the College. We will trial this arrangement during Term 1 and then re-evaluate.

This flexible arrangement will begin on Wednesday 23rd February 2022. The first Wednesday Week B is on 9th of February and all students must attend school as we will run a **Year 12 Study Day** to help them prepare for the flexible arrangements. The agenda for the Study Day is attached on the next page.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, Mrs Clare Healy chealy@arm.catholic.edu.au or Mrs Vicki Channon, Leader of Learning (Year 12) vchannon@arm.catholic.edu.au

Regards

Clare Healy
Principal

YEAR 12 2022
Study Day
Wednesday 9th February

Learning Intention

- To set up and embed study habits and procedures for successful completion of Year 12

Students will rotate through 3 sessions in PAC Classes

- Time Management for the HSC - Setting up a Study Timetable - Mrs Lemon and Emelia Rice (Library)
- Writing in the HSC - Dr Helena Pastor combined with RUNFAR/Breaking down questions/Verbs - Mrs Roff (L24)
- Mental Fitness - Jason Newcombe (L21)

Program

TIME	Program		
PAC	Acknowledgement, Prayer, Roll and Notices Mrs Channon, PAC team (Library)		
1 Finish at 10am	Schools online check in etc/Reminder rules and procedures of HSC Mr Chapman (Library) Exam Protocols Mrs Channon/Mr Tonkin (U11)		
2 10-11	PAC 1 Time Management for the HSC (Library)	PAC 2 Writing in the HSC RUNFAR/Breaking down questions/Verbs (L24)	PAC 3 Mental Fitness (L21)
11-11. 30	Break A		
3 11.30- 12.20	Mental Fitness (L21)	Time Management for the HSC (Library)	Writing in the HSC RUNFAR/Breaking down questions/Verbs (L24)
4 12.30- 1.20	Writing in the HSC RUNFAR/Breaking down questions/Verbs (L24)	Mental Fitness (L21)	Time Management for the HSC (Library)
1.30	Wrap up - Expectations of Year 12 Students Mrs Healy (Library) Lunch Provided		
5	Students may leave school if they sign out OR go to the library for study until the end of the day.		