



22 July 2022

Dear St Joseph's College families

Unit 3 & 4 Practice Exams

The college will be holding practice exams for all subjects in preparation for the upcoming Unit 3 & 4 Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) exams. The practice exams will take place during the Term 3 holidays (first three days), from Monday 19 September to Wednesday 21 September in the Sacred Heart Hall.

It is an expectation of the college that students prioritise this fantastic opportunity. However, consideration for previous planned absence will be taken into account.

The college will employ official VCAA exam invigilators and all VCAA rules will apply. Completing practice exams in a similar environment to the end of year exams, will allow students to become familiar with protocols, proceedings and environment.

The practice exams will provide an invaluable opportunity for our students to be exposed to conditions that will be experienced at the end of the year and will undoubtedly help students to alleviate concerns or anxiety associated with exams. We know that the more practice exams that students complete, the more likely they are to achieve better exam results.

Teachers will mark exams and provide timely feedback to assist students in their exam preparation. This will enable students to gauge their understanding of content taught over the duration of the year and receive valuable feedback heading into the VCAA exam period. The practice exams will highlight gaps in student understanding, enabling an improved focus for revision.

Students must be aware of the following:

- Full exam conditions apply and students must adhere to these rules at all times. External supervisors will be invigilating, and the expectation is that students understand exam procedures and requirements.
- Students are only able to take permitted items into the exam and are encouraged to become familiar with what these items and conditions are. Drink bottles must be completely clear (label must be removed), no pencil cases are allowed, no smartwatches/phones in the exam room and students must supply their own dictionary. Please check the advice on the VCAA website.
- Students must be in full college uniform and are expected to be in attendance during exam times.
- Attendance will be recorded for each exam.
- The Library will be open throughout the holidays. Year 12 students may study between exams on the days of their practice exams.
- The Canteen will not be operating during the holidays. Students will be required to bring their own food and drinks if staying onsite between exams.

Please indicate your child's participation in the Unit 3 & 4 Practice Exams by consenting to attendance via the Parent Access Module (PAM) by Friday August 19, 2022.

Should you have any further queries, please contact me on 5018 8068 or email mficarra@sjcnda.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely



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Head of VCE/VET/VCAL

ALL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SACRED HEART HALL	Monday 19 September 2022	Tuesday 20 September 2022	Wednesday 21 September 2022
9.00am - 11.15am	ENG342A 9.00am – 12.15pm	LST342A MAT842A POD342A SAR342A	POL342A ITL342B MAT742A
12.00pm - 2.15pm		BIO342A DAN342A ECO342A ITS342A PED342A SOC342A VCN342A	HHD342A MED342A SEN342A PHL342A
3.00pm - 5.15pm	ACC342A PHY342A DTW342A PYC342A	BMG342A HIS342A ITL342A MAT942A	CHE342A FTY342A LIT342A MSS342A GEO342A

**Please note, the duration of exam times allocated in each time slot may vary.*