



26 July 2024

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 VCAA exams. The practice exams will take place during the Term 3 holidays from Monday 23 September to Wednesday 25 September in the Sacred Heart Hall.

It is an expectation of the college that students prioritise this fantastic opportunity. However, consideration for previously planned absence will be considered.

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:

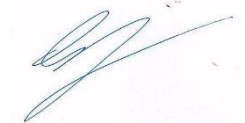
- Students must be in full college uniform. Attendance will be recorded for each exam.
- Full exam conditions apply, and students must always adhere to these rules. External supervisors will be invigilating, and the expectation is that students understand exam procedures and requirements.
- Students 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.
- 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 find attached a copy of the holiday practice exam timetable, for your reference.

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 1, 2024.

Should you have any further queries, please contact Mr Mel Ficarra on 5018 8000 or email [mficarra@sjcmda.vic.edu.au](mailto:mficarra@sjcmda.vic.edu.au).

Yours sincerely



**Mr Mel Ficarra**  
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### Unit 3 & 4 Practice Exams Timetable

| ALL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE<br>IN THE SACRED HEART HALL                    | Monday<br>23 September 2024                           | Tuesday<br>24 September 2024                           | Wednesday<br>25 September 2024  |
|--|---|--|---|
| <b>9.00am - 11.15am</b><br><b>*English exam will conclude at 12.15pm</b> | ENG33A (71)<br><b>9.00am - 12.15pm</b>                | MAT83A (13)<br>ECO33A (9)<br>DRA33A (4)<br>FTY33A (3)  | BIO33A (25)<br>SOC33A (15)<br>PHY33A (8)<br>DTW33A (5)<br><b>LST33B (1)</b> |
| <b>12.00pm - 2.15pm</b>  |   | BMG33A (26)<br>CHE33A (9)<br>MCP33A (4)<br>DAN33A (5)  | PED33A (21)<br>LST33A (7)<br>VCN33A (6)<br>HIS33A (4)<br><b>POL33B (1)</b>  |
| <b>3.00pm - 5.15pm</b>   | MAT73A (45)<br>MAT93A (4)<br>ITL33A (2)<br>MSS33A (2) | HHD33A (26)<br>SEN33A (10)<br>POL33A (6)<br>TST33A (1) | PYC33A (19)<br>MAT33A (8)<br>ITS33A (4)<br>ACC33A (3)                       |

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