



31 May 2023

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 18 September to Wednesday 20 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:

- 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.
- Students must be in full college uniform. Attendance will be recorded for each exam.
- 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 July 14, 2023.

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**  
Head of Senior Pathways

### Unit 3 & 4 Practice Exams Timetable

ALL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SACRED HEART HALL	Monday 18 September 2023	Tuesday 19 September 2023	Wednesday 20 September 2023
9.00am - 11.15am <i>*English exam will conclude at 12.15pm</i>	BMG33A CHE33A DAN33A GEO33A VCN33A	ECO33A HHD33A HIS33A SEN33A	ENG33A <i>9.00am - 12.15pm</i>  ITC33A
12.00pm - 2.15pm	ARCP3A FTY33A ITS33A MAT83A DTW33A	LST33A MAT93A PED33A DTT33A	
3.00pm - 5.15pm	ITL33A MAT33A MAT73A	BIO33A LIT33A POD33A SOC33A	ACC33A MED33A PHY33A PYC33A

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