

## **DISABILITY PROVISIONS FOR HSC 2021**

The New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA) has developed the Disability Provisions program to assist students completing the HSC examinations, who have a special examination need. This may be related to a physical condition, mental health issue, visual impairment, hearing loss or difficulty in reading and / or writing. The Authority aims to offer practical support to students with higher needs by providing provisions, such as separate supervision, extra time to rest/read/write, writers and / or readers.

On behalf of these students the College makes an application online to NESA submitting specific supporting documentation. When a final decision has been made, NESA will send both the College and student written notification of the approved and/or declined provisions. Please be aware that if you have been granted the use of special examination provisions by the College for internal examinations and assessments, this does not automatically deem that you will be eligible for the same provisions in the HSC examinations.

In completing the application process evidence of the special examination need must be included, such as medical evidence, timed essay samples, reading test results, in addition to relevant subject teacher comments. Please note that these applications should be submitted online to the NESA early in the academic year, but can also be applied for up to the day prior to the commencement of the formal, external HSC exams.

If your son wishes to apply for these special examination provisions for the HSC exams, you should contact me, the Diverse Learning Coordinator, Ms. Kiekebosch, before the end of this term.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me, either by phone or email at the College.

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