

16 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Years 11

As Term 3 ends, I would like to take the opportunity to commend students on their resilience throughout the past ten weeks of Home-Based Learning. It has been a challenging time for all involved including students, parents and teachers and we look forward to next term when we will hopefully be able to return to face-to-face teaching in alignment with the NSW Government plan.

Term 4 will commence with Learning Conferences which are scheduled for Wednesday October 6 and Thursday October 7. Throughout these two days students will participate in asynchronous learning to allow teachers, students and parents to participate in the Learning Conferences. Lesson content for these two days will be available on the College Portal and normal Home-Based Learning lessons recommence on Friday October 8.

Students will receive a Preliminary Report in week three of Term 4. This report will provide information in the form of an assessment mark and rank based on the assessments currently being completed, a final assessment mark and rank, which includes all assessment completed in the Preliminary Year, an indication of achievement of course outcomes and a teacher comment for each course. This report provides critical feedback to assist in the decision-making process for the HSC year.

I would like to remind parents and carers of the opportunity to provide feedback to the College about Home-Based Learning via the <u>Home-Based Learning Survey</u>. This survey also allows families to ask questions that they would like answered at the Information Webinar scheduled for 6.30pm on Thursday October 7.

The table below provides a list of key dates and events for the remainder of Term 3 and the commencement of Term 4. We will be analysing the health advice for the safe return of students to face-to-face learning which is currently scheduled for Monday November 1 for students in Year 11. I will provide the details of this plan to families at the commencement of Term 4.





Term 3			
1.	Parent survey closed <u>Home-Based Learning Survey</u> .	Thursday September 16	
2.	Preliminary Assessment Tasks Conclude	Wednesday September 15	
3.	Staff Development Day	Friday September 17	
	Term 4		
1.	Staff Development Day	Tuesday 5 October	
2.	Learning Conferences & asynchronous learning	Wednesday October 6 and Thursday October 7	
3.	Year meetings to commence the term	Wednesday October 6 - 8.40am	
4.	Year 11 Webinar Link Teams Link emailed to Parents	Wednesday October 6	
5.	Year 11 Information Webinar	Thursday October 7, 6.30pm	
6.	Microsoft Teams approach to HBL recommences	Friday October 8	
7.	Year 11 Commence Face to Face lessons	Monday November 1	

I wish all families a safe and happy end of term break and hope that you can enjoy some of the lightened restrictions released earlier in the week. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 4321 6400, or at principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or would like to discuss the information outlined in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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