



As we reach the end of Term 3, we thought it would be a good opportunity to write an update for our Year 12s. We enjoyed seeing many parents at our Parent Information Session that was held earlier in the term, and wanted to communicate with you about upcoming activities and events, as well as an update on the approaches we've been taking.

As the final quarter starts, we ask that all students be in the room where it happens. Classroom attendance and learning is incredibly beneficial, particularly given the nature of the upcoming External Exams. We want students to reap the rewards of consistent attendance, being in the room where they can clarify, question and challenge the content that will be assessed.

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Update on Internal Assessment

Students have now completed the last of their Internal Assessment. This will be combined with the External Assessment results to calculate a student's final subject result and ATAR. IA1 has been confirmed, and IA2 and 3 continue to be confirmed this week. Students can use the [QCAA Student Portal](#) to view their confirmed results.

Assessment Feedback

A reminder that students' progressive feedback on assessment is available in Student Cafe and Parent Lounge. This includes confirmed results and feedback for their first piece of assessment, and provisional results and feedback for Internal Assessment 2 and 3.

In Year 12, we have not provided a letter grade for students. The QCAA will also determine cut-offs for A-E results in each subject and students will receive these on 15 December. Our feedback to Year 12s has been a numerical result and written feedback from teachers.

Term 4 Timetable

All Year 12s will be in normal timetabled classes for every lesson in Weeks 1 to 3 of Term 4. This is an important time to gain feedback from teachers and complete revision for their External Exams.

External Exams

Mock Block is carefully designed and planned around giving all students, in each of their subjects, the opportunity to experience, as closely as possible, an External Exam. We want them to think and act calmly and confidently when they sit for their External Exams.

Students completed their Mock Block in the final 8 days of this term. Condensing all the exams into 8 days was a challenge for us all, but we wanted to maximise teaching and preparation time in each subject rather than use 17 days, as per the real External Exam period, for practice exams. We congratulate them on their focus, punctuality, respect and effort.

A second mock exam for each subject is also available for students to try. To access these papers [click here](#), then click on the relevant subject, then the Assessment tab, then scroll to the bottom of each page to access External Assessment resources. Students are strongly encouraged to complete these prior to their External Exam.

In the first week back in Term 4, students will receive individual feedback from their teachers about their performance on the mock exams. Following this, students will attend all classes in Weeks 1 to 3 of Term 4.

External Exams commence on Monday 23 October and end on Tuesday 14 November. The days/dates and subjects of the tests will be on the school calendar as well as found here: https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/snr_ext_assess_timetable_2023.pdf. We'll talk more with students about procedures and routines in Weeks 2 and 3.

Careers Advice

To support students in their post-schooling decisions, Year 12 students have been meeting with our Careers Advisor, Sue Forbes. In these meetings students have been given advice including backup preferences in their QTAC applications to ensure they have a range of options. Many students have lodged their applications with some still to do so [QTAC Applications](#). A number of students have also received Early Offers from some institutions which is exciting and reassuring news to receive so early. Congratulations to those students.

Students will be aware that they will receive their ATAR on 15 December and are still able to change or add to their preferences after this date. It is therefore critically important that students register on the [QTAC Portal](#) to receive their ATAR on this date as these will not be sent by mail. Students have been guided through this process at school but the QTAC database is indicating that some students have not yet done this so a reminder from home would be helpful.

Early offers from QUT and Griffith will be formally made in November 17. Major QTAC offer rounds then occur on December 21 and January 11. Students have been reminded that the response time is only around 4 days so they need to be alert to this. They have also been encouraged to give one of their parents authority to act on their behalf when lodging their QTAC applications.

Celebration Evening, Graduation Dinner and Farewell Assembly

The final week for our Year 12s and their families will be full of exciting moments to celebrate achievements and to say farewell.

Celebration Evening is scheduled for Monday 13 November, Graduation Dinner will be the evening of Thursday 16 November and our Farewell Assembly is the morning of Friday 17 November. More information will be provided at the start of Term 4.

We hope that you find the above information useful and we always welcome any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact us anytime.

We look forward to working alongside our class of 2023 and then celebrating the conclusion of their secondary school education.

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