



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Upper Coomera State College continues to value and prioritise communication with all stakeholders. For students in year 12, some changes have recently been announced by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

In order to answer the many questions our administration and teachers are being asked, we have put together this letter to keep you up to date with these changes occurring within the senior phase of learning, during a time where the teaching and learning of students in their final year maybe disrupted.

Please find below information on each of the key areas that we have been informed of and some answers to frequently asked questions:

1. REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT FOR SENIOR STUDENTS 2020

QCAA advised that one of the summative internal assessments in each General and Applied subject would be removed from the assessment requirements for senior students.

Students will be informed by their individual subject teachers, what assessment they will complete. The vast majority will be dropping the second assessment piece for Unit 3 (IA2).

This means that Year 12 students will complete three assessment tasks per subject rather than the stipulated four.

Further information can be located here: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/coronavirus-updates>

It is imperative that students still continue with online learning and to cover the content provided by their teachers for these upcoming assessment tasks. New deadlines will be provided for students post the Easter school holiday period, and the content and skills covered will form part of the external exam at the end of the year.

If your child does not have access to the internet and a device that they can access their subject's Class OneNote platform please contact Mrs Gurney as soon as possible so we can try to assist you to access this at home. Note that mobile phones, tablets/iPads and laptops can all be used to access this.

The College website also has information on how to obtain technical IT support and welfare/wellbeing support, as well as all teaching staff email addresses at <https://uppercoomerasc.eq.edu.au/>

2. YEAR 12 EXAMS POSTPONED

The Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority (QCAA) has stated that the Year 12 Essential English exam will now take place in Term 4.

The advice to General Maths and Mathematical Methods students is to keep revising for their exams as we will re-schedule these exams as soon as possible in Term 2.

Mrs Gurney has also emailed all year 12 students on Thursday 26th March in regards to this.

For further information please visit: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/memos/20/013-20.pdf>



3. MISSED SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR YEAR 11 AND 12

Unless you have a previously arranged Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustment (AARA), as per QCAA guidelines results will be based on draft work only. If you were sick on the due date, you can provide a medical certificate to Mrs Gurney and Mrs Horne by email to seek an extension. As such, at this point in time results may be affected if Year 11 and 12 students do not submit non-exam assessment by the due date. If you are unable to get a medical certificate due to not being able to secure one from your GP, please state this in your email to Mrs Gurney and Mrs Horne so we can assist you in that for an AARA application.

4. STUDENTS ON A SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP OR TRAINEESHIP

Q: Can students continue with the theory component, online, if their traineeship is suspended?

A: Yes – the Registered Training Organisation, or your allocated trainer, will make direct contact with you to inform you of their online platforms.

Q: If an employer is still open for business can a student continue their traineeship or apprenticeship in the event of a school closure?

A: Yes – if you are not self-isolating and the business is open for operation in line with government restrictions, current advice is that you would be permitted to attend.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact Ms Lynn Davies, our Industry Liaison Officer at ldavi157@eq.edu.au

5. QCE AND ATAR ATTAINMENT

The College will continue to work hard with all students to attain their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) by the conclusion of this year.

For students at risk, some families have already been contacted by Mrs Horne, the HOD for Senior Schooling to discuss support options at this time.

Please access this link if you have general questions around QCE and ATAR attainment:
<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/information-school-communities>

6. QCAA COMMON PARENT AND STUDENT QUESTIONS REGARDING IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS ON THE SENIOR PHASE OF LEARNING

If you would like to find out further information on any aspect related to the senior phase of learning, please visit: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/coronavirus-updates/parent-and-student-faqs>

Some of your key questions around this topic have been addressed here.

7. YEAR 12 SCHOOL FORMAL

At this stage, we have reserved Friday 20th November in our school calendar as the date for the Formal and are currently in talks with venues. Please be aware that the cost for the formal will be a minimum of \$155 per student and each student must meet the requirements as per their senior



agreement to attend and have all fees paid in full by October. If you have not already organised a payment plan for school fees please contact the Finance Office to discuss this.

Further information surrounding this will be released later in the year.

8. YEAR 12 GRADUATION

The College Year 12 Graduation is still booked for Wednesday 18th November, pending the restrictions on social gatherings being lifted by then. Please be aware that each Year 12 student must meet the requirements as per their senior agreement to attend and be on track to attain a QCE.

9. QCAA – MY QCE ACCESS

This is an access point for all Year 12 students to see their current QCE projection. All student results will be uploaded to this portal. Student personal details can also be amended for future reference.

To ensure you have set this up, please access; <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/>

As a College, we appreciate your time and support in ensuring that you can remain up to date with key information within the senior phase of learning.

We will continue to keep all parents and caregivers of Year 12 students informed of any updated changes as they occur and we wish all of our senior cohorts, a safe and restful break.

If you would like to discuss any of the information above, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Nicholl Horne, HOD Senior Schooling or Mrs Kylie Gurney, Senior School Deputy Principal by phone the College on (07) 5580 7555. Alternatively, you can email; nhorn40@eq.edu.au or kgurn3@eq.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

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