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# COVID-19 Update #7 – Student Assessment from the Principal for Parents and Caregivers

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

This is our final update for Term 1. I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your efforts during these difficult and uncertain times. As your Principal, I am extremely proud of the way our school community has navigated these unprecedented times. Please be advised that Victoria Point State High School has had zero reported cases to date. Further advice on our return in Term 2, 2020 will be communicated as this information is available. I wish you and your loved ones a restful and safe Easter break.

### Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Student Assessment

Victoria Point State High School would like to advise that all Term 1 Assessment for students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 has concluded. Students will not be required to complete or submit outstanding assessment. Students will begin new learning either online or upon return to classrooms. Please be assured, all teaching and learning contributes to your child's educational outcomes and students will not be disadvantaged through the current circumstances.

### Year 11 Student Assessment

Students enrolled in a senior course of study are required to submit all assessment as evidence of their ability to demonstrate the objectives of the Senior Syllabus.

Victoria Point State High School recognises the importance of providing feedback to students in Year 11 on all assessment types to ensure preparation for assessment expectations in Year 12. Therefore, students in Year 11 will be required to submit and/or complete all outstanding assessment from Unit 1 (Term 1) upon return to classrooms or as per teacher arrangements communicated to parents/students via email.

Students with outstanding assessment have already been contacted either via telephone or email by their teacher.

## Year 12 Student Assessment

The Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority (QCAA) has informed schools that one of the summative internal assessments for both General and Applied subjects can be removed from the assessment requirements for senior studies. The QCAA's position for each subject was developed from three guiding principles:

- 1. Students are currently under significant pressure to learn and achieve, and revisions to school assessment programs must be made with their best interests in mind.
- 2. Equity in assessment must be maintained while also providing schools with flexibility to accommodate their unique circumstances, including specific needs of individual students.
- 3. Revisions to assessment programs must not compromise the integrity of senior certification and public confidence in the credentials issued to this year's senior students.

Victoria Point State High School has determined the attached schedule of assessment will be implemented from Term 2, 2020. The attachment identifies, for each subject in Year 12, the assessment item removed and those that are expected to be submitted. The school will continue to support students' individual needs by responsive action to parent/student requests for an Access Arrangement and Reasonable Adjustments (AARA) application contained within the school's Assessment Policy located on the school's website: <a href="https://www.vpshs.eq.edu.au">www.vpshs.eq.edu.au</a> under the Curriculum/Testing and Assessment tab.

### **General Information**

Victoria Point State High School Student Assessment Planners – containing Term 2 assessment dates will be adjusted to accommodate the current climate and re-distributed using Daymap. If you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Head of Department using the contact list attached.

Yours sincerely

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Scot Steinhardt Principal

Attached: School Executive and Year 12 Adjusting Internal Assessment