

UPDATE: Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Safety Bay Senior High School families,

I am writing to provide you with an update on our continued response to the unfolding COVID-19 situation and to let you know about arrangements for both Week 10, Term 1 and Term 2. We are actively monitoring the evolving situation and still do not have any confirmed cases within our school community.

Last week our Premier Mark McGowan along with our Education and Training Minister Sue Ellery encouraged all parents in Western Australia to keep their children home where possible. Coordinated learning programs for Term 1 cease today (Fri 3 April). From Monday 6 April to Thursday 9 April teachers will be preparing teaching programs for Term 2, and any students who attend school during this time will be supervised while they access their schoolwork online.

We understand that many of our Year 11 & 12 students and their families may be anxious to know how the current situation will impact on them. At this point in time the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) is following a nationally coordinated approach and is still working towards scheduled ATAR exams in 2020. However what form those exams take has not yet been determined. It is important to note that SCSA are at great pains to reassure students that things will be fair and equitable and in the best interests of all students. SCSA have also stated there will be a reduction in **assessment types** in particular subjects, and that this information will be shared with schools and students as soon as possible.

Connect & Other Resources:

- Our teachers are continuing to place programs of work, tasks, worksheets and other resources on [CONNECT](#)
- The Department of Education are providing online access to resources for parents and students through the [Learning at home](#) website, this includes extra resources for Senior School ATAR subjects
- The ABC have created a [website](#) with variety of free resources linked to both Primary and Secondary School curriculum
- Our teachers and Administration staff are sending out regular updates through Connect and direct emails to both parents and students, so please make sure you are taking notice of them

Health & Wellbeing:

- Some students may have heightened anxiety around the COVID-19 from media reports and general discussions at school, home or the community. The [Department of Education website](#) provides advice and resources for parents, carers and students. This includes a wide range of resources and information related to the impact of COVID-19 on young people's health and well being and the impact on families
- Don't forget to visit our [School website](#) (safetybay.wa.edu.au) for regular updates on the News & Events page, plus the Quick Links section on the home page has direct links to Connect, the Department of Education's Learning at Home website, as well as other resources to support your mental health

Term 2:

- We will share more details of what we expect Term 2 to look like early next week
- We plan to give all students a Year level timetable with a schedule for online classes

We encourage you to stay up to date on the COVID-19 situation in between our communications by visiting the Australian Government [Department of Health website](#), and the Western Australian Government's [COVID-19 website](#). Thank you once again to all our Safety Bay families for your continued support of our staff as we work together during these unprecedented times.

Take care,



Anne Hudson-Brown
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