

1. Are classes still running for Year 12 students?

Answer: Please see the latest communication from the Principal.

2. How can I stay informed?

Answer: We are regularly providing bulletins to both students and families. Student bulletins are sent through daily notices and loaded onto the Student Portal on SEQTA. Families are informed through Connect. We have created a Parent Portal on SEQTA also.

3. Will work packages be provided for children who choose to stay at home?

Answer: Lesson content on SEQTA and Moodle replaces traditional 'work packages' at Woodvale Secondary College. Please see our website for information on how to access *SEQTA Engage*.

4. Will work be provided for students if the College is closed?

Answer: Yes. Staff have been provided with professional learning on the use of SEQTA and Moodle as learning management systems. Over the coming weeks, more work will be placed on line. Parents and caregivers should also be aware that if Woodvale SC is required to close we will not be able to maintain a timetabled curriculum. Learning activities, resources, and assessments will all be modified and students will need to take responsibility for completion and engagement.

5. How can ATAR students complete their assessments?

Answer: We expect that the collection of assessment data will look different this year. As far as possible, ATAR students need to continue their program of learning. The WACE Manual 2020 directs teachers to make judgements about students' progress in instances where they have missed assessments. It is expected that this same rule will be invoked under the current conditions to account for changed circumstances. It needs to be clear, however, that students must work and participate in order for teachers to make judgements against the grade related descriptors. No evidence, no judgement possible. It is vital that student complete as much work as possible and adhere to the assessment outline- in whatever form it takes.

6. Will there be ATAR exams this year?

Answer: Currently there is much chatter about this in newspapers and elsewhere. This is a decision that will be made by a higher authority than Woodvale Secondary College. For the moment, we need to assume that there will be some kind of assessment that students will need to complete in order for a ranking to be determined for entrance to university. Parents and students are advised to monitor decisions made by SCSA on their website. https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0011/599150/COVID-19-Advice-for-Secondary-Schools.

7. What about university entry in 2021?

Answer: No-one knows what this will look like yet. We do know that the authorities who work with the universities are already in discussion as to how they will determine university eligibility for 2021. Their aim is to make the process "transparent and fair." Please refer also to information from the TISC website <https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/guide/advice-virus.tisc>

8. Will there be ESTs this year?

Answer: again, a higher authority than Woodvale Secondary College will decide this. For the moment, let's assume that they will go ahead, probably in a slightly different form.

9. What about General students?

Answer: The WACE Manual 2020 directs teachers to make judgements about students' progress in instances where they have missed assessments. It is expected that this same rule will be invoked under the current conditions to account for changed circumstances. It needs to be clear, however, that students must work and participate so teachers have the information to base judgements with reference to student skills and understandings. It is vital that student complete as much work as possible

10. What about students completing qualifications requiring Workplace learning hours?

Answer: Work placements have been suspended for the time being. We will endeavour to place students when it is viable. We expect that the governing authority will make a determination about how this will affect certification for 2020. In the meantime, students can continue with as much of their theory work as possible to ensure that these competencies can be signed off.

Advice from From TAFE re Work placements: *Where qualifications have compulsory work placement requirements, TAFEs will continue to develop strategies and advice. TAFEs will work with affected students to support them to complete their qualifications.*

For some qualifications, work placement is not a mandated requirement of the units of competency. This is relevant to some Pre-apprenticeship qualifications. TAFEs are considering options for supervised skill practice in workshops."

11. What about students attending TAFE and private RTOs one day a week?

Answer: General messages from TAFE on March 23 2020

TAFE Colleges:

- *are open and encourage students to continue to attend classes;*
- *have business continuity plans for each portfolio area in case of a service disruption due to COVID-19.*

Other RTOs have suspended classes and students have been advised. Parents are advised to contact training providers for clarity on the individual situation.

12. Why should Year 12 students keep going with their learning?

Answer: We know that it will be very tempting for some students to stay at home and not to pursue their studies. Students who complete no or little work will see this reflected in their grades. This will have a significant impact on their WASSA or WACE. We strongly urge all students to maintain a regular program of learning at home and school. If schools close, it will be vital that students remain connected online and engage fully with all of the curriculum materials that will be made available to them. Another possibility could be the creation of Year 13 where current Year 12 students join Year 12 students in 2021 to complete their studies. Again, this decision would be made by higher authorities than WSC.

13. Will there be a Presentation Night this year for Year 12 students?

Answer: We are still planning for a Presentation Night. We hope that it will be in the same format, but accept that it may not look like that. We are committed to organising an occasion where students are acknowledged for the years of formal schooling.

14. What about assessments and exams?

Answer: No student will be penalised for missing an assessment due to COVID-19. Students will be able to demonstrate their skills and understandings in alternative ways. When decisions have been made about exams (both school and external) these new dates will be communicated.

As a College, we are committed to doing everything possible to support all of our students, especially those in Year 12.