Year 11 Preliminary Exams

Year 11 students commence their final Preliminary exams next Monday 12 September. A reminder that any absence from an exam must be covered by a medical certificate.

If a student is unable to sit for an exam due to illness, please phone Mr Newell (46294242) or Mrs Keegan (46294231) by 8 am on the day of the exam.

It is important that all students give their best effort to each exam.

Discussions regarding patterns of study for Year 12 2017 will take place early next term. Students should not decide prior to these exams that they intend to drop a subject as this may not be possible.

STUDY SKILLS FOR SEPTEMBER - A MESSAGE TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS

These last few months of Year 12 can be overwhelming as the focus just seems to be on marks, marks, marks.

So here are some important things to remember:

Yes this year is important. And yes you want to get the best marks you can. BUT.

A very big but.

You as a person are not defined by a number alone.

There are always alternate paths to get to where you want to go in life. The marks might make it quicker or easier but if you really want to get somewhere, if you are passionate about what you want to do, you will find a way to make it happen. Many people don’t get their first preference at university, so start off in one course then transfer after a year to the one they really wanted.

Lots of students leave school and find out that they actually have some incredible skills, they just weren’t academic! They discover that they are really good at lots and lots of stuff and that in the end, the marks did not make that much difference to their final career.

Really, what you want after the next few months is to walk away with no regret, to be able to walk away saying no matter what, I really did the best I could – rather than I threw away thirteen years of school just because I couldn’t be bothered pushing hard in the last few months. Doing your best is all anyone should expect of you, teachers, parents and even yourself.

These can be challenging months and you will be so over study by the end of it. Remember everyone has to go through it and the good news is it is never like this again! Just keep saying to yourself each day, this is one day less and I will never ever have to study like this again. The hardest part of Year 12 is finding the self-discipline to make yourself do the study when you don’t feel like doing it! So hang in there, persist, just take it day by day and make use of the support structures around you through the school, family and friends.

Dr Prue Salter

While Year 12 is busy studying, the rest of the school can learn more about how to achieve their personal academic best at school at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with these details:

Username: forstgregsonly
Password: 60results

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