



18th October 2021

2021 Higher School Certificate Written Examinations

Dear Parents/Guardians and **Year 11 HSC students**,

These guidelines are to support students during the ongoing coronavirus outbreak as we approach the Higher School Certificate written examinations. These guidelines aim to protect the health and safety of students and minimise the risk of disruptions to, or cancellation of, the HSC examinations. All Year 11 students completing a HSC examination will have the **day before** and **the morning of** the HSC examination at home preparing. Students are **not** to be at Xavier College during this preparation time.

EXACT ROOM AND LOCATION OF EXAMINATIONS

- ❖ There will be no more than 50 students in any one examination room.
- ❖ Each examination room will be cleaned after each examination and secured each afternoon.

DATE	START TIMES	MARY MAC	GL 21	GL 18	GL 19	LANGUAGES 1-2
9/11/21	9.50am	English Standard-Paper 1	English Standard-Paper 1	English Advanced-Paper 1	English Advanced-Paper 1	Disability Provisions
10/11/21	9.25am	English Standard-Paper 2	English Standard-Paper 2	English Advanced-Paper 2	English Advanced-Paper 2	Disability Provisions
	1.55pm	Music 1				Disability Provisions
12/11/21	1.55pm	Modern History				Disability Provisions
15/11/21	9.20am	Mathematics Standard	Mathematics Advanced- Year 11	Mathematics Advanced-Year 12	Mathematics Advanced-Year 12	Disability Provisions
16/11/21	9.25am	Ancient History				Disability Provisions
17/11/21	9.25am	PDHPE				Disability Provisions
	1.55pm	Society and Culture				Disability Provisions
18/11/21	9.25am	Engineering Studies				
	1.55pm	Legal Studies				Disability Provisions
19/11/21	9.25am	CAFS				Disability Provisions
	1.50pm	Mathematics Extension 1				Disability Provisions
	1.55pm	Primary Industries				Disability Provisions
22/11/21	9.25am	Biology				Disability Provisions
	1.55pm	Industrial Technology-Timber				Disability Provisions
23/11/21	1.55pm	Business Studies				Disability Provisions
24/11/21	9.25am	Construction				Disability Provisions
	10.20am		Science Extension			Disability Provisions
	1.50pm	History Extension				Disability Provisions
	1.55pm	Entertainment				Disability Provisions
25/11/21	9.25am	Studies of Religion I	Studies of Religion II			Disability Provisions
	1.55pm	IDT				Disability Provisions
26/11/21		Human Services				Disability Provisions
	9.25am	Physics				Disability Provisions
	1.55pm	Visual Arts				Disability Provisions
	9.25am	Chemistry				Disability Provisions

29/11/21	1.55pm	Design and Technology				Disability Provisions
30/11/21	1.50pm	English Extension 1				Disability Provisions
	1.55pm	Business Services				Disability Provisions
1/12/21	9.25am	Hospitality				Disability Provisions
2/12/21	1.55pm	Investigating Science				Disability Provisions
3/12/21	9.25am	Food Technology				Disability Provisions

ALTERANTIVE VENUE LOCATIONS

An alternative examination location in the event that an examination is unable to proceed has been organised.

VENUE:

University of Western Sydney. *The specific location is to be determined on advisement from CEDP Parramatta.*

This is a backup only and students should attend the planned location unless advised by the school. *Do not attend a proposed alternative location if you have not been told to do so by the school.*

Communication regarding an alternative venue will be made through the 2021 Senior Google classroom page and student mobile phones via text message.

COVID SAFE EXPECTATIONS

1. Screening for students with symptoms

- Students **must not attend an examination if they are unwell.**
- Students will be asked upon arrival if they have any *flu-like symptoms** or if they should be in self-isolation under direction by NSW Health.
- Students displaying flu-like symptoms or who advise they are unwell will be asked to leave the school and arrange to have a COVID-19 test.
- Students with a clinical history/known illness that may appear like COVID-19 symptoms should be planning now and speak to their doctor/GP. The GP can provide written assurance – e.g. symptom the student presents on a normal basis.

* Flu-like symptoms

Flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell. Additional information about COVID-19 symptoms can be found on the [NSW Health website](#).

Students who are displaying even mild flu-like symptoms should leave immediately and not return until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom-free.

2. Fast track COVID-19 test results

HSC students **can fast-track their COVID-19 test results.**

To do this you must:

- say you are a HSC student when taking a test
- ensure the nurse or doctor doing the test marks your referral 'urgent — HSC'
- self-isolate until a negative result is received
- show the school the negative result
- call the contact number provided by the clinic if results are not received within 24 hours.

3. Minimising the risk of transmission

- Students are to park their vehicle or get dropped off on **Sinclair Parade**. Students will enter and leave through the gates on Sinclair Parade.
- If a student is catching public transport to the College, they must walk through the gates located in the bottom carpark, at the end of the basketball courts and proceed immediately to the location of the examination.
- Students are to proceed immediately to the location of the examination, students are **not to enter the XC or other areas of the school.**
- Students should wash their hands or use hand sanitiser prior to commencing the examination.

- Maintain good personal hygiene practices during the exam including covering your cough or sneeze through coughing or sneezing into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of tissues at the end of the examination.
- Avoid shaking hands or hugging other students on examination days.
- Hygiene supplies will be available at all examination venues
 - Sanitiser
 - Wipes.
- Student may wipe down their table before they begin their examination if they choose to.
- Students should not mingle in large groups prior to or after the examination.
- Examination rooms will be cleaned between each examination.

4. Arrival and sign-on arrangements

- Students should **arrive no more than 20 minutes prior to the examination and report directly to the designated examination room for screening and sign-on.**
- **COVID Marshalls will assist with arrival and the sign-on procedure.**
- Students will be asked to complete a Google form confirming attendance at the examination, providing contact details and that they do not have flu-like symptoms.
- Students are to access the Google form using the QR code below.



5. Confirmed cases of COVID-19

If during the examination period the school is advised by NSW Health that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 which will impact the school, arrangements are in place to minimise disruption where possible. We may advise you the day before that the examination will be relocated to the alternative venue detailed above or the exam may be cancelled.

6. Illness/Misadventure

Students who do not attend an examination due to having symptoms, or who are turned away as a result of screening will be eligible for an illness/misadventure claim. Students must email (agillett@parra.catholic.edu.au) the Director of Learning and Pedagogy- Mrs Hawkins to initiate the NESA Illness and Misadventure claim.

Kind regards,

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