

# COCKBURN SCHOOL

Specialist status in the Performing Arts



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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Re: Year 11 Leavers Update**

We are fast approaching the last date when we will expect all of Year 11 students to be in school at the same time. The formal taught timetable will finish on Friday 28th May 2021.

The pandemic caused immense challenges for our students, in particular the lack of face to face teaching, missed opportunities to see friends and family and a curtailment of normal life. I am extremely proud of the way our students have coped with these many challenges; their capacity for optimism and their resilience are, quite simply, fantastic. They deserve huge credit for their determination and willingness to carry on.

With a heavy heart, we are not permitted to mark the end of Year 11 in our usual way. There will be no Graduation Ceremony and Prom as we had done up until 2019.

We had been looking at the possibility of making plans for a Prom but due to the restrictions and the uncertainty about venues we could not put plans in place. We have polled the Year 11 students and the results showed that the vast majority did not want a Prom. Instead we are looking to provide leavers hoodies for those students who had earned enough reward points across the year to earn an invitation to go to the Prom.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our plans to celebrate the achievements of our current Year 11 students in a safe and socially distanced way.

### **Coursework and teacher assessments:**

It is very important that next week your child ensures that they have 100% attendance. This is to ensure that all of their subject work and assessments are complete to allow Year 11 students to finish their time at the school on **Friday 28th May**.

If your child is missing any coursework or assessments they may be required to attend the school to complete missing work from **Tuesday 8th June**. If this is the case you will be contacted. If students are required to come in they will be must wear their school uniform.

## Leavers Assembly:

During Units 3 and 4 on Friday 28th May, we will host a Leavers Assembly for our Year 11 students, where we will celebrate their time at the school, issue their record of achievement files and present awards. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to invite parents/carers to attend this assembly, thank you for your understanding related to this. Students will be dismissed from the school at 12:30pm.

## Behaviour and conduct:

Attendance to the Leavers Assembly will be by invitation only and is dependent on your child's attendance and conduct. Any student who fails to meet the school's Values and Expectations over the next week will not be permitted to attend. We thank you for your support in ensuring that your child remains focused on their academic studies throughout their remaining days at school.

## Results Day 2021:

Exam results day will be on Thursday 12th August 2021. Your child's results will be emailed to their school email address – there will be no traditional, in-person, collection of results.

The careers team will be available to support students with their transition to post-16 destinations. Please visit our website exams page regularly for further guidance and updates.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support during the time your child has attended Cockburn School. I am very proud of our Year 11 students and I commend them for their tenacity and resilience through the disruption and uncertainty of the past 18 months and wish them every success for the future.

Yours sincerely,



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