



School Operation Update for Wednesday, 25/3/20

Dear parents and carers

School remain open

The health advice on schools remains unchanged. Our Chief Medical Officers indicate that schools should remain open for education provision at this time. The Government and Department are encouraging you to keep your child at home to contribute to supporting the community response to COVID-19. The school's doors will remain open for those students whose parents are in the essential services or who are vulnerable. As updated expert information comes to the Department, who are in constant liaison with NSW Health we will keep you informed of any impact on school operations. Please keep in mind that the canteen remains closed and so students attending school will need to bring food for the day with them.

Supporting continuity of learning for students

Our staff has been working hard to develop learning resources for students to undertake from home. Whether your child is at school or at home, the aim is for all students to access the consistent learning content provided by teachers. This continues to be typically delivered to students by the Google Classroom that your child's teachers have established for subject areas and classes.

To support continuity of learning, here is further information on tasks previously notified to students that are due in the next few days. Extensions and modifications to tasks have been made when necessary. Tasks and instructions are to be found on Google Classroom. Students should check Google Classroom for details.

Due Date:	Year / Subject / Task	Note
Wed 25/3	10HSIE2, 3 & 5 (History) Essay	Can be completed as 'open book' task and extra time allowed if needed. Submission to Google Classroom.
Friday 27/3	Year 8 English – Task 2 Novel essay for all classes	Students to upload via Google Form at https://forms.gle/s4u4XPXbkH1BB2Mk9 This link has been sent to their DoE email address and will be on Google Classroom.
Fri 27/3	9HSIE2 & 9HSIE4 (History) Soldier Profile	Submission to Google Classroom & notification for students regarding submission on Google Classroom.

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Friday 27/3	9HSIE 1 & 3 (Geography) Exam	Can be completed as 'open book' task
Friday 27/3	CSC Hospitality Cluster A	Submit via Google Classroom

Information will continue to follow as faculties determine variations and extensions needed to tasks.

Senior Curriculum Update

NESA's Board was meeting today, and official announcements and direction about the HSC are to follow. This means that we will communicate information about our end of Preliminary HSC course examinations as soon as we can upon receiving the NESA announcements.

Support for students at home

I encourage you to access the [Learning from Home](https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers) resource which provides practical advice to parents and carers on how to best create and support a productive learning environment in the home. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers>

In closing, I congratulate and thank the students at school today for their good spirit and resilience. They approached the day and their learning with maturity, and a sense of order and purpose. There was a palpable sense of calm and co-operation here today. I trust that students working from home also applied themselves as fully as they can in these new and challenging circumstances, and finished the day with a sense of their inner-strength and developing independence. Thank you to teachers and parents and carers who are united in fostering and supporting the learning of our students, and helping them to grow and develop as they adapt to the challenging times in which we live. I very much hope that we can all be at our best when we are most tested, and continue to be so in a united and supportive way.

Thank you, parents and carers, for your sustained patience and ongoing support.

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