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ATTENTION STUDENTS & PARENTS OF STUDENTS UNDERTAKING END OF YEAR VCAA EXAMS

Dear Year 12 Students and Families,

As we approach mid-Term 3, we recognise this is an exceptionally busy time for students. This period requires significant focus and dedication to achieving the best possible outcomes. Following the College's decision to hold end of Year 12 celebrations, including graduation, in the first week of Term 4, we are writing to outline the Year 12 Practice Examination schedule. Students have already been made aware of these arrangements.

The Year 12 Practice Examinations will be held during the second week of the school holidays. This timing ensures students have adequate preparation time while maximising class time with subject teachers leading up to final exams.

A detailed timetable can be viewed <u>HERE</u> outlining specific dates and times for each subject examination.

Students who have examination clashes will be allocated appropriate catch-up times. The Learning and Teaching Office will contact affected students directly to inform them of their clash time.

We understand that some families may have pre-existing holiday commitments during this period. Students who are unable to attend practice examinations due to family commitments will be able to collect a copy of the practice examination papers from their teachers when they return in Term 4. Please notify the College of any absences in advance be emailing LTL-Assistants@NOTREDAME.vic.edu.au

Important Notes

- Students who are completing a scored VCE (receiving a study score and ATAR) are expected to attend the practice examinations
- Students are encouraged to wear their school uniform during practice exams, as
 research shows context-dependent cues enhances performance. Please note that
 students are required to wear their full and correct uniform when they sit their end
 of year examinations.

- Students are expected to treat these practice examinations with the same seriousness as formal assessments
- The practice examinations provide valuable preparation for final examinations and help identify areas requiring additional focus

We appreciate your understanding and support and encouragement for students regarding these scheduling arrangements. The practice examinations remain an essential component of Year 12 preparation, and we are committed to ensuring all students can participate effectively.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the College office.

Yours sincerely

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