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Dear Year 10 and 11 Parents and Carers

As we approach the upcoming exam period, which runs from **Friday 20 November to Thursday 26 November**, Notre Dame College would like to emphasise the high expectations we have for our students. It is crucial that all students attend their scheduled exams and prioritise their academic performance during this time. Please be aware that the results from these exams will contribute to your child's overall grade for each subject.

Students will have received their exam timetable, click to view Year 10 & 11 Exam Timetable S2, 2026. Please encourage them to share this with you to help ensure your child is present for all their exams. While students are not required to remain on site when they are not completing an exam, we encourage them to take advantage of the study rooms available for their use. These rooms provide a quiet and focused environment conducive to effective revision and preparation. Should your child choose not to remain on site after they have completed their exams each day, they are to head straight home. It is important to note that this is not a time for students to arrange social catchups down the street.

For students in the Vocational Major and Employment Pathways programmes, we encourage them to use the examination period to complete work placement, as their timetabled classes will not be running. Those who wish to complete work placement instead of completing exams were required to submit their work placement paperwork to Workplace Learning Admin Officer, Abbey Monk by Friday 13th November. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please note that timetabled classes will not be running during this period. Please be aware that if students do not undertake work placement, they are required to sit exams as per the exam timetable.

During the exam period, **students are required to wear full and correct summer uniform**. PE uniform is not allowed. Regular uniform policy will be in place during exam week; this includes the issuing of uniform infringements and detentions. Please be aware that students who attend out of uniform will be sent home to change.

As students experienced during Semester 1 exams, this uniform requirement is based on compelling research in cognitive psychology on a phenomenon known as "enclothed cognition," which explores how clothing can influence mental processes and performance. Studies show that consistent testing conditions can help protect against forgetting and improve memory performance. By creating a formal testing environment through uniform

requirements, we aim to establish optimal conditions for our students' performance and memory recall during these important assessments.

This uniform policy also aligns with the requirements for VCE exams at the College, helping to establish consistent expectations and preparing our Year 10 and 11 students for their future formal assessments.

In the lead-up to the exams, students should engage in their own home study and complete any revision tasks set by their teachers. Additionally, we recommend that students make use of any practice exams that are available. These resources are designed to help students familiarise themselves with the exam format, manage their time effectively, and build confidence in their abilities.

Notre Dame College has partnered with Elevate Education, an organisation that provides a range of excellent exam study tools and resources. These resources are available to all students free of charge, and we strongly encourage them to make full use of this valuable opportunity. More information regarding this is available to students via SEQTA Notices.

At Notre Dame College, we understand that exams can be a stressful time for both students and their families. Please be assured that our staff are committed to supporting your child throughout this period. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or your child's teacher.

We wish all our students the best for their upcoming exams. With dedication, hard work, and a positive attitude, we are confident they will achieve their full potential.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact our Learning and Teaching Department on 5822 8400.

Yours faithfully,
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