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HSC Information Update – Written Examinations & Major Works

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Written exams

The HSC written examinations will proceed as planned this year, so it is vital that students continue to focus on their studies and preparation. NESA have advised that results will be released in mid-December. The HSC Written examination timetable will be published by Friday 15 May 2020.

Major Works

To ensure all students receive an equitable mark, NESA has moved the marking of some components of the 2020 HSC practical examinations *from an external mark provided by HSC markers to a mark provided by the teacher*. Teachers are best placed to provide a mark as they have been monitoring each student's progress on their projects and body of work since the beginning of the HSC year. It is a NESA requirement that Major Works are submitted to the teacher by 3pm on the due date.

Design and Technology

Changes have been made to the Major Design Project (Product). The Product will be internally marked by teachers and the folio will continue to be externally marked. The teacher marked components will have a mark value of 20.

The submission date for the teacher marked component and the externally marked Folio have been extended by two weeks. The updated submission date for both components is Thursday 10 September 2020 by 3.00pm.

Drama

The external HSC examinations for the mandatory group performance are cancelled.

The two remaining examination components (Individual Project and Written Paper) will have equal weightings (i.e. worth 50% each).

Adjustments to the individual project have been made to Critical Analysis – Portfolio of Theatre Criticism and Video Drama, which may impact some of our students. Students may analyse film versions of live performances instead of attending live performances. For Video Drama, the final video will not be examined but rather students will submit their rationale and any supporting documentation that elaborates on their directorial vision, production and post-production decisions or intentions for external marking. Students who have chosen Video Drama or Critical Analysis – Portfolio of Theatre Criticism can change their Individual Project Option to one unaffected by these changes. The change must be made in consultation with the teacher by 5 June 2020.

The external marking period for the Individual Projects remains unchanged with marking dates occurring between 24 August - 5 September 2020.

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English Extension 2

The Major work will continue to be externally marked and the submission date of Friday 21 August 2020 remains unchanged.

Indonesian Continuers and Indonesian Extension

Students should continue studying for the language oral examinations and completing school-based assessments. At this stage Indonesian Continuers and Indonesian Extension oral examinations will continue to be externally marked on 29 August and 12 September 2020 respectively.

Music 1, Music 2 and Music Extension

Performances in all courses will be affected by social distancing requirements. Students must not perform in an ensemble (i.e. more than two musicians) however they may use a single accompanist if social distancing requirements are strictly adhered to during rehearsals and performances. Students can use pre-recorded accompaniment or modify their repertoire. The requirement that a performance must be accompanied unless a work was composed to be performed unaccompanied has been lifted.

Music 1 viva voce in rehearsal and assessment is to be conducted in line with social distancing.

In Music Extension, the Performance Ensemble is cancelled. The marks will be redistributed between the two contrasting solo pieces. The maximum total performance time is 15 minutes.

The practical components of these courses will continue to be externally marked and the examination period of 6-17 September 2020 remains unchanged.

Textiles and Design

Changes have been made to the Major Textiles Project (Product). The Product will be internally marked by teachers and the folio will continue to be externally marked. The teacher marked components will have a mark value of 25.

The hand-in dates for the teacher marked component and the externally marked folio have been extended by two weeks. The updated submission date for both components is Monday 31 August 2020.

Science Extension

The Major work will continue to be internally assessed with the submission date of Thursday 27 August 2020.

Society and Culture

The Personal Interest Project (PIP) will continue to be externally marked and the submission date of Monday 3 August 2020 remains unchanged.

Visual Arts

Changes have been made to the Visual Arts: Body of Work. This will now be internally marked by teachers. The teacher marked components will have a mark value of 50.

The hand-in date for the Body of Work has been extended by two weeks with an updated submission date of Monday 14 September 2020.

NESA will provide updated guidelines and marking criteria for the major works that have been affected in due course.