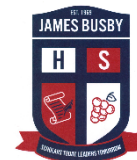


YEAR 9 EXAMINATION / ASSESSMENT



2021 Update for Students

Year 9 Examinations, scheduled to be held in Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 4 2021, will not go ahead.

Instead, the following assessment processes will be followed:

1. All Year 9 Examinations will be replaced by a final at-home assessment task for each course, to be completed across **Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 4**.
2. Teachers will prepare an alternative assessment task for each Year 9 course to replace the scheduled exam. This assessment task will:
 - assess the same or similar outcomes as the scheduled examination,
 - be suitable for distribution to students by teachers as both soft and hard-copy, completion at home and submission by students to teachers in both soft and hard format
 - be meaningful and substantial enough to warrant the current task weighting.

An example would be an extended response, an essay or a series of individualised mathematical problems or research and calculation challenges. Tasks involving presentation, speech, graphing or practical components will not be used. Tasks will have suggested word limits or ranges where appropriate.

3. **Weeks 5 and 6 will be non-teaching/learning weeks for all of Year 9.** These designated exam weeks will become dedicated assessment weeks. Year 9 students will spend all of weeks 5 and 6 working solely on their EIGHT assessment tasks, one for each of their eight subjects. This plan will go ahead whether students return to on-site or remote learning from Week 6. (If a return to school does happen, students will work on assessment tasks at school, in class.)
4. All assessment tasks will be made available to students at **9.00 am on Monday the 1st of November (Week 5)** and will have a due date/time of **3.00pm on Friday the 12th of November (Week 6)**. All tasks will be made available and collected at these times by the class teacher via Google Classrooms.
5. **Students will not receive assistance from their teachers to complete these tasks**, beyond explanation of what needs to be done. Sample distribution, marking of drafts and provision of preliminary feedback will not be possible. Any basic assistance provide to one student will be made available to all students.
6. **Disability Provisions will be available to eligible students.** LST staff will be in contact with these students to make appropriate arrangements. Disability Provisions may be provided by LST staff, classroom teachers or parents/guardians, but no guarantee of specific LST availability is made.
7. **Arrangements will be made for the posting and/or delivery of assessment task packages** to students requiring hard-copies only where no online option is available.
8. **Assessment Notifications will be sent to all students via Google Classroom by Monday the 18th of October** at the latest. If you do not receive your notification by this date, ask your teacher for a copy.

Please contact the Head Teacher Secondary Studies (Mr Costa) with any questions or concerns.

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