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Dear Year 12 student

COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS) ADVICE FOR 2020 YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We understand that all of you may be feeling worried about your Year 12 studies in our current situation. That is why we are taking the unprecedented step of writing to you in our roles as Chair of the Board of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) and as the leaders of each of the Western Australian school systems and sector. We want to assure you that all eligible Year 12 students will be able to get the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) this year, despite the disruption of COVID-19.

Many of you may have seen the information posted on the Authority website and social media recently, including a copy of the advice we provided to all secondary schools. This was provided to your teachers so they could support you with your coursework and assessment program.

In relation to the assessment requirements for all of your courses, the Authority has provided your school with the flexibility to reduce the number and type of assessments required. This information has been published on our website. Information related to assessment weightings will also be provided shortly on that website.

Your school will communicate with you over the coming weeks in relation to any changes they may implement in relation to your specific courses. It is really very important that when you receive this information you read it carefully and contact your teachers directly if you have any queries, so you can be certain of the expectations required of you.

You need to know that we recognise that some of you may be learning in ways either remotely or using technology and many of your teachers will be learning how to do this right alongside you. We encourage you to remain committed to engaging with what you have to learn as thoroughly as you can and complete all of your assessments to the best of your ability.

We want you to know that at present, we continue to work towards the scheduled ATAR course examinations for 2020. Across Australia it has been agreed that we need to decide on very similar processes for the end of the year and for the processes of university entrance because students apply to universities in different states.

We are also liaising very closely with the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC), universities and TAFE to determine the very best options and to ensure you and all Year 12 students are not disadvantaged as a result of what we are all going through this year. We are working together to do everything we can to ensure that you are not disadvantaged because of our changed circumstances.

We will be giving your school advice in relation to Externally Set Tasks (EST), the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA), Vocational Education and Training (VET), Endorsed Programs and the ATAR course examinations. Speak with your teachers and they will provide you with as much detail as possible.

The *Year 12 Information Handbook Part I: Information for all students*, is available on the Authority website. The Handbook gives you some examples of strategies you can use for studying at home and to stay healthy. Remember to strike a balance between family and your school work.

Further information will be provided to you, your parents and your school as the situation becomes clearer.

Again, we encourage you to stay engaged with your studies and we will do all that we can to support you through this year.

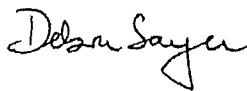
Yours sincerely



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