

## Policy Updates and Newsletter Term 2 2020



### Dear Parents and Students

What a year it has been so far!

However, hopefully we are slowly getting back to a state of normalcy...A bubble with Australia is on the horizon and soon we may get at least some overseas tourists back to our beautiful region.

I believe our schools have done a great job at very short notice to set up online programmes for students. Nevertheless, not all students benefitted.

Some found it hard to find the self-discipline and self-direction online learning requires. As a result, many students will need to catch up on quite a bit of their learning.

### Senior Students - Changes in NCEA Assessments for 2020

For every 5 credits a student achieves towards their NCEA through internal or external assessment, they can be awarded an additional 1 credit. Students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of 10 additional credits while those at Levels 2 or 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of 8 additional credits. These will be known as Learning Recognition (LR) credits.

Students will be awarded a certificate endorsement if they achieve 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50. Students achieving 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course – rather than 14 – will be awarded a course endorsement.

Current UE requirements have been reduced to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects, from 14 credits in each of three approved subjects. Students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet the literacy and numeracy requirement to be awarded University Entrance.

### Please Note

Classes for Term 2 finish on Thursday, 2 July. Your child's class has been automatically held over for next term. Please let me know personally if this does not suit or if you require a change.

If your child is not returning, please also let me know personally.

Classes for Term 3 begin on Monday 20 July and there are 10 weeks in term 3. Classes will finish on Thursday 24 September.

### Winter Study Focus

During the second week of the holidays, we will be running winter study focus sessions on Monday and Tuesday from 12 to 1.20pm and 1.30 to 2.50pm. Please call me to make a booking.

### Catch-up lessons

Please let me know well in advance if your child is unable to attend at his/her designated time. If your child is sick on the day, please let me know by 10am at the latest. I will do my very best to arrange for a catch-up, but this may also require some flexibility on your part. Catch-ups will have to be taken within two weeks of the lesson missed and they are not held over to the following term unless the student was sick in the last week of term. No credit will be given during the following term for catch-ups not taken.

All our students are now enrolled in our Google Classroom and we can set them extra work or catch-up work if required.

### Our Tuition

We are passionate about helping your child be the best they can be and help them succeed.

Has your child fallen behind at school and is struggling to catch up? Are they struggling to understand a concept? We can help!

Is your child getting bored at school? Do they excel at a subject and need something to grow their learning? We can help!

We are here to help your child reach their full potential.

Keep well and kind regards

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