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Senior students and their study pattern

Dear Parents

As you would be aware the school has a senior student program where Wednesdays are used by students in a non-traditional sense of school. The Wednesday is designed to allow senior students to continue to work on subject tasks, preparation for classwork and revision. We have many students who are engaged in courses outside of the normal school periods, ranging from Nursing, IT or school based extension courses, which most attend on Wednesdays.

The students who are engaged in external courses that are included in their HSC pattern of study will have some study periods dependent on the number of units they are studying; this will vary between a Year 11 student who must be enrolled in at least 12 units in the preliminary HSC course and a minimum of 10 units at the HSC level in Year 12.

A Year 12 student may leave early if they have study in the afternoon and no further timetabled commitments. A Year 11 student may leave if they have an external course and no classes in the afternoon. Should they have more than two periods consecutively they must have a letter from their parents indicating they are leaving with the knowledge of the parent. Alternatively if a senior student has a study period in Period 1 they do not have to be at school until their first scheduled period (no later than period 2). Students who arrive to study in the library must sign in at the office if they have no scheduled class. Parents who have a concern about the study pattern of their student should contact their respective House Coordinator to discuss their concerns.

There are some students who may fall behind and are showing that they are not working to their ability level. You as a parent may therefore receive a letter informing you that your son or daughter needs to attend a catch-up sessions at school on the Wednesday until they have been able to meet their learning requirements and therefore performing to an expectation which we believe they are able to meet. Please understand that while the Wednesday flexible model gives most students opportunities to better control their time it is dependent on them meeting their responsibilities as senior students. If you have concerns about the progress or attitude of your senior student then I would encourage you to contact the teacher of the subject and or the KLA Coordinator or House Coordinator.

Sincerely

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Assistant Principal

