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WELCOME TO YEAR 12

**YEAR 12 STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
ON
FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY 2021**

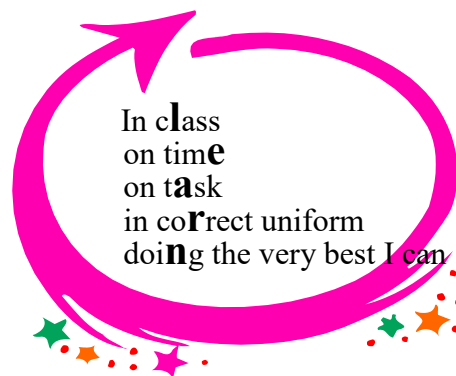


We would like to take the opportunity to inform you about the 2021 academic year.

- ◆ Years 7, 11 and 12 start on Friday 29th January
- ◆ Years 8, 9 and 10 start on Monday 1st February

Students are expected to be in full school uniform each day, including black leather school shoes. Year 12 students are all expected to wear the current senior uniform. It is also recommended that a suitably sized school bag be used to contain all necessary resources. Year 12 students will commence lessons on Day 1 and are expected to be prepared for this.

In 2021 the behaviour code continues to emphasise the **SHARE** and **LEARN** principles, which are-



So that the 'hardwork' principle and 'appropriate attitude' can begin on Day 1, you are encouraged to purchase the stationery and equipment required. Year 12 students usually work using folders with an A4 sized lecture pad and loose leaf paper for each subject studied. All students will be expected to purchase a student diary for use each day. We strongly recommend this, as correct use can help to reduce the stress involved with the demands of coursework, assessment tasks and examinations over the year.

We ask you to help your daughter to establish a good study routine and a sense of personal responsibility for her learning and success right from day one. It is also important for her to balance work and school commitments to ensure success. It would be very unusual in Year 12 if homework is not set on a frequent basis. It is also vital that your daughter attends school on time each day and on a regular basis.

The HSC Course covers four terms, and actually began in Term 4 2020. All coursework, assessment tasks and examinations in all subjects must be successfully completed in order for your daughter to satisfy the requirements of the Board of Studies for the award of a Higher School Certificate in 2021. Your daughter has already been issued with assessment schedules for each of her subjects detailing the type of task, the due date, the mark value and the outcomes being assessed. It would be appreciated if you would monitor and encourage your daughter to prepare for and complete these tasks on time to her best ability, as the marks she achieves for each test in each subject impacts directly on the mark awarded at the conclusion of the course. The final HSC Mark for each subject is made up of the HSC Assessment Mark and the HSC Examination Mark. Students in Year 12 are studying a minimum of 10 units of courses which means that many have a number of study periods each week. Where these periods are at the end of the school day students will receive a 'Flexi Pass' which will allow them to leave school early and go home to study. Study periods are intended to assist students plan and complete their school work with access to school



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resources. **Under no circumstances are students to leave school during study periods and return to later classes.** They must remain at school and use the time appropriately.

Please note that the anticipated dates for written exams are:

- ◆ Half Yearly Examinations are held at the end of Term 1.
- ◆ The important Trial HSC Exams are held at the end of Term 2 in June.
- ◆ The HSC examination period will commence in October in Term 4.

Some subjects, Community & Family Studies, Extension History and Society and Culture have major research projects while Textiles & Design, Visual Arts, Dance, Music, and French have major practical components which have specific due dates during Term 3, 2021 and form a major part of the overall assessment. It is absolutely vital that your daughter manages these tasks during the available time and prepares herself as well as possible.



During the year your daughter may also be involved in the creation of a Year Book and in the planning of the Year 12 Formal and Graduation Ceremony and in various fundraising activities. These will need to be conducted around classes and assessments.



We wish your daughter luck and want to remind you that education is a team effort – the student, the family and the school working together. The school has established a website where important dates can be found throughout the year to assist you.

<http://www.blacktown-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/index.htm>

We look forward to another successful and final year where Blacktown Girls High School really can ‘*make a difference*’ in your daughter’s life.



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