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To the VCE and VCAL students and parents of Loreto College

We are writing to provide you with some information and encouragement as we look to commence remote delivery of VCE classes next week.

Amidst the COVID-19 (coronavirus) restrictions currently in place in Victoria, there is a great deal of uncertainty for VCE students, their families and teachers. However, rest assured we are all working towards the successful completion of VCE or VCAL for the pupils at Loreto College.

At the time of writing the Victorian Government has indicated the following initial alterations to the VCE program:

- The GAT (General Achievement Test) will be postponed until October or November.
- The end-of-year exams for students studying Units 3&4 will also be delayed, most likely until December. However, it is understood that all exams will be finished before the end of 2020.
- The possibility exists that the VCE exam timetable will be compacted, so that the final exams can be completed over a reduced period of time. This may mean that the exams for some individual subjects will be of shorter duration.
- It is likely that the number of SACs will be reduced for some subjects, and that the nature of some SATs may also be altered.
- VCAL students will have a longer timeframe to complete their requirements.

Unfortunately, in the absence of more specific information from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), we are currently unable to provide you with more comprehensive information. However, please be assured that as soon as additional information is available, particularly with regard to the completion of ongoing school based assessments, we will ensure that the details are passed on to you without delay.

In the meantime, we encourage all VCE students studying a Unit 3/4 subject, to ensure that they have thoroughly completed their Term 1 holiday homework in preparation for the beginning of the new school term next Wednesday. Your teachers will be delivering instructions via Google classroom, email, OneNote...etc... so make sure that you are checking these platforms to ensure that your technological connectivity is ready and working for your first lessons next week.

Although this may not be the academic year you envisaged at the start of 2020, we encourage you to commit yourself to these new modes of learning and strive to do your best in these challenging times.

With best wishes

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