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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS: *LEARNING FROM HOME*

Dear parents/carers and students,

I have received a significant amount of positive feedback in relation to our approach to learning from home and I trust everything is going as best as it can in your home.

As you are aware, the NSW Premier has announced that NSW public schools will continue to operate under learning from home arrangements until at least the end of Week 3, Term 3 (Friday, 30 July 2021).

This letter has all of our current information and includes new and updated information, in addition to reminders of matters previously communicated.

New Information

- **Year 12 Trial HSC exams:** These important exams were scheduled for Week 3 and Week 4, Term 3. They have now been rescheduled for Week 5 and Week 6, Term 3.
- **Year 12 practical sessions:** A number of Year 12 practical sessions will operate in Week 2 and Week 3, Term 3. Teachers in Visual Arts, Drama, Design & Technology and Industrial Technology – Timber have organised sessions with students.
- **Phone calls home:** Over the last few days, we have contacted most families to check on learning from home and to see if parents require any additional support. We hope to contact our last remaining families today.
- **Year 8 and Year 10 subject selection:** The school is currently planning for our Year 8 and Year 10 subject selection processes to occur online. Our next online *Parent Information Session* scheduled for 6:30pm on Monday, 2 August 2021 is expected to involve an opportunity for parents to ask questions about subject selection. Parents are asked to keep this time free if available. Further information will be provided to parents in the coming weeks.

Reminders and Updates

- **Microsoft Teams:** This is our main learning platform. Most students will be familiar with MS Teams from last year. Students are required to have this software which can be accessed here:
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-au/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>

Students will log into their MS Teams class at the beginning of each lesson. Teachers may then direct students to other activities or other learning platforms such as Google Classroom or Moodle.



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- **Online learning timetable:** Lessons will be for 60 minutes and will follow a modified timetable. You can access the online learning timetable here:


https://www.cecilhillshigh.nsw.edu.au/assets/resources/Online_Learning_Timetable_T3_2021.pdf



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Learning From Home Timetable

Students should follow their regular timetable, using the new online times for Term 3, 2021

8.35am - 8.55am Online Assemblies: Monday and Friday Years 8, 9, 10, 12 Tuesday and Friday Years 7 & 11	Connect: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Log in to the Student Portal for daily messages• Log in to your online assemblies for announcements and engage in activities from your Year Advisers on the days listed• Log in to your online learning platforms so you are ready for the day (Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams)
5 minute break	
9.00am - 10.00am	Period 1 - Access your online classroom space and engage in tasks as requested
30 minute recess break	
10.30am - 11.30am	Period 2 - Access your online classroom space and engage in tasks as requested
30 minute stretch break	
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Period 3 - Access your online classroom space and engage in tasks as requested
30 minute lunch break	
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Period 4 - Access your online classroom space and engage in tasks as requested
5 minute break	
2.35pm - 2.55pm 	Afternoon Activities could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check emails• Track your learning to make sure you are up to date• Finish class activities• Complete all exit ticket or evidence of work as required• Complete homework tasks• Work on assessment tasks/assignments• Make any additional contact with teachers if needed• Make study notes and summaries of lessons• Log in to Wordflyers (for years 7 to 9)• Log in to Mathletics (for years 7 to 10)• Access Edrolo (for seniors)• Practice past exam papers (for seniors)• Read a novel• Do some exercise or wellbeing activities

On Tuesdays during period 3 and 4: Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 should complete the Afternoon Activities.



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Students must log into their year group meeting from 8:35am to 8:55am on the following mornings to hear important messages and get organised for the school day:

Year 7	<i>Tuesday and Friday</i>
Year 8	<i>Monday and Friday</i>
Year 9	<i>Monday and Friday</i>
Year 10	<i>Monday and Friday</i>
Year 11	<i>Tuesday and Friday</i>
Year 12	<i>Monday and Friday</i>

- **Roll marking:** Students are required to log into each lesson in MS Teams and a roll will be marked by the teacher.
- **Devices:** Please email the school as soon as possible if you have any issues accessing a laptop or other device: cecilhills-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- **Canteen:** The school canteen will not operate until further notice.
- **Uniform shop:** The uniform shop will be open online only in Week 2 and Week 3, Term 3. A decision will be made in due course as to when the uniform shop will reopen. Online orders can be made here:
<https://daylightsportswear.com/cecilhills/>
- **Face masks:** Staff, students and parents who visit the Cecil Hills HS site are required to wear face masks when indoors unless an exemption applies. This is a legal requirement under a NSW public health order. The school will have a supply of face masks, however, it is preferable for students to bring their own face masks.
- **Parents not to be on site:** Parents are asked not to attend the school site at this time unless previous arrangements have been made.
- **Assessment tasks:** Assessment tasks for Year 7 to Year 11 will proceed as planned if they are a submitted task via Turnitin. Teachers will notify students if an in-class task is being rescheduled.
- **Parent-teacher interviews for Year 8 and Year 9:** These interviews will be held as planned on Monday, 19 July 2021. The booking form for these interviews have been emailed to parents. These interviews will be conducted via phone calls from teachers to parents at the scheduled time. Parents are asked to be ready to accept a call from a private number at the scheduled time as a teacher may be calling from their own phone switched to private.
- **2021 Online Learning and Wellbeing Handbook:** This is your one-stop shop for important information relating to online learning, relevant links, school contacts, wellbeing support and useful tips. You may recall that a hard copy of this document was mailed home to families last year. This year, we are hoping families will find it convenient to access the updated version of this document online:

<https://www.cecilhillshigh.nsw.edu.au/assets/resources/Online%20Learning%20and%20Wellbeing%20Handbook.pdf>



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CECIL HILLS HIGH SCHOOL 2021 Online Learning & Wellbeing Handbook for students and parents

Cecil Hills High School strives for excellence in learning, teaching and leading and we believe in success. Our diverse learners are respectful, responsible and successful and connect with their teachers to succeed and thrive. Our teachers use positive behaviour for learning principles. Our teachers use flexible and innovative teaching practices to develop future-ready students. They build leadership skills in themselves and others to ensure our school operates in a framework of excellence.

Communication

It's important for all of us to keep connected as a school community using the following channels.



Visit the CHHS website at <https://www.cecilhillshigh.nsw.edu.au/>
This has links to important policies and documents.

The CHHS Facebook page has regular updates and information:
<https://www.facebook.com/CecilHillsHighSchool/>

Download the free school app to receive alerts.
Press the App Store or Play Store icon on your device and search for "Cecil Hills High School".
You can also subscribe for Email Updates.



Register or log in to the Parent Portal to stay up to date with news and resources. This will allow you to access information regarding school reports, individual timetables and more.
<https://cecilhills-h.sentrall.com.au/portal/login>





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- **Latest information:** You can access the most up to date information from the NSW Department of Education and the NSW Education Standards Authority at these websites:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19/coronavirus-advice/year-11-and-12>

I will continue to communicate with our parents and students to ensure you have access to the latest information. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Mark Sutton

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16 July 2021