



24 June 2020

Year 12 Letter to Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Confirmation Event 1

All schools in Queensland have now completed their first Confirmation event for year 12 assessment results undertaken in Term 1. Confirmation is a quality assurance process that ensures the comparability of results for summative internal assessment in General and General (Extension) subjects. I am very pleased to say that all feedback has been very positive. No students' results were negatively affected and there were very few students who incurred a small, positive variation between their school-awarded provisional marks and the confirmed result. This is evidence of the great work that our dedicated and competent teaching staff are doing in our new QCE system. I would like to congratulate the teachers on their dedication to their profession and our students. I would also like to congratulate our students on their efforts in Term 1. For some students who perhaps haven't performed as well they would have hoped, they will need to ensure they are attending academic support at lunchtimes and after school as well as improving their time management and organisation. Given that QCAA has reduced the total number of assessments from 4 to 3 (still including the external assessments in Term 4), it is paramount that our students do not lose momentum with their studies as their external assessment will still be covering all content from Units 3 and 4.

As QCAA confirmation decisions had been communicated to schools, subject teachers were informing their students' confirmed results so that all students are now aware of either their IA1 or IA2 result. These results have now also been published in their learning accounts in the Student Portal, accessible via the [myQCE website](#). If students have not accessed their learning accounts before or have forgotten their password, this website provides the necessary information to create and/or reset accounts. If students need any support with accessing their accounts, they can see Mrs Nancy Douglas (Careers Advisor), Mrs Joan Devietti or myself. Students can also see which internal assessment task is 'DNA' (did not administer) as explained in my previous letter to parents. These links provide more detailed information what the Confirmation process:

1. [QCAA Confirmation Information Sheet](#)
2. [Confirmation FAQs](#)

Confirmation Event 2

The second confirmation event will occur from August to October where we will again submit our IA2 or IA3 result (for English this will be their IA1) to QCAA.

Mock Exams Term 3, Week 10

To best prepare our students for their external exams in Term 4, all year 12 students will be undertaking mock exams in Week 10 of next term. This will be 'block exams' where students will only come in for their scheduled exams during this week. Applied and Vocational subject teachers may also schedule workshops during this time. A **draft** copy of this timetable is provided [Here](#).



Students will be given a sample exam paper that has been developed by the QCAA. These mock exam trials will:

- allow students to understand how syllabus objectives and subject matter will be assessed,
- ensure students have an opportunity to completed an exam written by the QCAA prior to them sitting an external assessment in 2020.

These mock exams will provide an opportunity for students to use the sample papers to:

- revise and test subject knowledge,
- familiarise them with the language of external assessment, the types of questions that might be asked and the expected length of responses,
- enable them to experience external assessment conditions and practise relevant skills,
- build students' confidence and ability in sitting exams.

VET Workshops during this week

Students undertaking VET qualifications have also been scheduled into this week so that teachers students have additional time if they require it.

Common Internal Assessments (CIA) for Essential English and Essential Mathematics

Schools are required to implement a CIA as part of their assessment requirements for these two subjects. In response to COVID-19 teaching and learning disruptions, the CIA will now be undertaken in Term 4, 2020.

These students will now sit these exams during the external examination block.

CIA 2020 Dates:

- Essential English - Monday 26 October at 9:00am. This will be a 90min exam.
- Essential Mathematics - Wednesday 28 October at 9:00am. This will be a 2hr exam.

Students will also complete a mock exam for these subjects in Week 10, Term 3.

Calculating General subject results in 2020

On 26 March 2020, the QCAA decided to reduce the number of internal assessments from three to two to relieve the pressure on senior students during the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result the procedures for calculating the final subject results in General subjects for 2020 needed to be revised. The QCAA's revised procedures aim to ensure final subject results accurately reflect student achievement and enable the impartial calculation of tertiary entrance ranks.

For General mathematics and science subjects:

- The two internal assessments will still contribute 50% to their final subject result
- The external assessment will still contribute 50% to the final subject result

For all other General subjects:

- The two internal assessments will still contribute 75% to the final subject result
- The external assessment will still contribute 25% to the final subject result

The total internal assessment result for each student will be added to their external assessment result to arrive at their final subject result.

The QCAA ensures that students will receive a fair subject result regardless of the combination of internal assessments they have completed.



External Exams

In the new QCE system, students' results for General subjects are based on their achievement in three [internal assessments](#) and one external assessment that is:

- common to all schools,
- administered under the same conditions, at the same time and on the same day,
- developed and marked by the QCAA according to a commonly applied marking scheme.

In General Mathematics and Science subjects, a student's external assessment result contributes 50% to their final subject result. In all other General subjects, it contributes 25%. The external assessment result does not scale the internal assessment result. This means that the confirmed result students receive for their 2 internal assessments will be the mark they will get towards their overall result in the subject.

External assessment timetable:

External assessments will be held annually in Term 4, starting in 2020. The 2020 external assessments will be held from Monday 26 October to Tuesday 17 November. For students at our College, our final external exam will be held on Monday 9 November.

The timetable is available as a PDF to download.

- [External assessment timetable 2020 \(PDF, 140.2 KB\)](#)

Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments:

[Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments \(AARA\)](#) — formerly known as special provisions — enable equal access to external assessment for all students with disability or those who experience misadventure. No student will be disadvantaged or advantaged through these arrangements and adjustments. If you would like to discuss this type of arrangement further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Reporting

Students will receive their Semester 1 Reports in Week 2, Term 3. Results will be calculated from students' two internal pieces of assessment. Given students will only complete two pieces of internal assessment, students will have their mark out of 50 for General Maths and English subjects and mark out of 75 for all other General subjects going into their external exams in Term 4.

Year 12 students will not receive an end of year report card. They will receive their Queensland Certificate of Education and Senior Certificate in the mail from QCAA. Results will be released on students' learning accounts from 19 December.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Carr', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Melissa Carr
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