

DC Community Update Term 4 – Week 16, 2020



From the Principal

Dear students and families,

We had a fantastic Year 12 Farewell Assembly on Monday. Thank you to all the staff and students that contributed to this event. Thursday marked the last day of scheduled classes for 2020 as students moved into end of semester tests Thursday afternoon. The end of semester testing period (referred to as Crossline testing below) concludes for students on Tuesday 24 November. Please see updated messages below about the Year 12 Graduation and Formal. I am getting very excited about both events, and the staff and I are looking forward to giving Year 12 a great send-off.

Year 12 Graduation – Llewellyn Hall, Wednesday 16 December

The recent easing of restrictions in the ACT will allow us to hold Graduation offsite and include parents. The google survey sent previously to parents about attendance at Year 12 Graduation overwhelmingly suggested that two parents per graduating student was the preferred option. The College hires a venue for Year 12 Graduation typically, so it is great that we can now do this for students and parents (2 max) can attend in person. The Year 12 Graduation is a free event but will be a ticketed due to COVID-19 restrictions. The College sent invitations to parents on Monday, November 16. As bookings are essential, this information will also include instructions on how to book your tickets. We will also be live streaming the Graduation to allow other family members and friends to be a part of the celebration. Details of the logistics will be sent out closer to the date.

Year 12 Formal – Dickson College, Thursday 17 December

The recent easing of restrictions will allow us to have the Year 12 Formal inside the College while still utilising our outdoor areas. The Year 12 Farewell Fest includes DJ for Music, red carpet entry, 3 x substantial canapés boxes for the meal, mocktail on arrival, decorations, outdoor area with seating and festoon lighting, photo booth, lots of fairy lights, additional security, and yes there will be dancing. As we are subsidising the event so that students have a great end of Year 12 celebration, students get all these things for a \$100 Formal ticket. Before the most recent easing of restrictions, we had planned to hire a Marquee for the Formal with money saved by hosting Graduation at Dickson College (and live streaming to parents). As Graduation is now offsite and restrictions have eased, we no longer need to hire a Marquee, so this has changed since the event was originally

advertised. This decision also supports wet weather contingency. Formal Tickets are on sale from the front office now, and the deadline for tickets is **Tuesday, November 24**. We have hired Cowboy Hat Films to video the Formal. The footage will be edited and made available via a private YouTube channel shortly after the formal.

eSafety Resources for Families Of Young People

The [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) provides advice and support to all Australians in understanding how to be safe in the online world. To support your young person to navigate their digital world and avoid harmful online experiences, the following information can assist you in having the hard- to-have conversations about online safety and setting boundaries.

Your support and guidance can give your young person the confidence to make sound decisions online and know where to go for help when they need support or advice. For more information please click on this link. [Online eSafety Resources for Families Oct 2020.pdf](#)

Elevate Education – Successful Strategies for Study

In previous years, Dickson College utilised the services of a company called Elevate Education to provide a presentation on study tips for students, which often resulted in positive feedback from our students. The presentation was by university students who were recent school leavers who shared study and revision strategies that worked for them. Their UK website has a link to a free PDF book *Science of Student Success*

https://ukstudent.elevateeducation.com/cms_uploads/docs/uk/science_of_student_success.pdf which includes similar stories and ideas. Students and parents/carers may find the book contains useful information for students in the senior secondary years.

Important Dates

Week 17	
Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 November	Crossline Testing
Tuesday 24 November	Deadline to purchase Formal Tickets
Wednesday 25 November	Year 11 AST Trial
Thursday 26 November	Handback Day
Week 18	
Wednesday 2 December	Year 12 Brunch & final package check at 9.00am
	Last day for Year 12 students to return Chromebooks
	Deadline for bookings to Year 12 Graduation
Week 19	
Week 20	
Monday 14 December	End of Semester Reports sent out to students & parents
	Year 12, 2021 Timetables sent out
Wednesday 16 December	Year 12 Graduation rehearsal at 9.30am
	Year 12 Semester & Special Awards Ceremony at 11.00am
	Year 11 Semester Awards Ceremony at 12.00pm
	Year 12 GRADUATION - 5.00pm at Llewellyn Hall
Thursday 17 December	Year 12 FORMAL – 6.30pm at Dickson College
Friday 18 December	Last day Semester 2