

15 October 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

As the Year 12 Class of 2021 start their Higher School Certificate (HSC), the College would like to announce the commencement of the Senior Flexible Release Program which will begin from Monday 19 October 2020. The success of this flexible release opportunity is dependent on your child's ability to be organised, self-motivated and independent in their learning progress. We know how valuable study periods at school can be for students to do individual work and/or to collaborate with peers. We also understand that some students can study effectively at home. Flexible release allows students to choose to complete private study in the Library or at home during Learning Sessions 1 and 3.

- If students have a timetabled study period in Learning Session 1, students will be able to come to school for normal Homeroom and then study in the College Library or alternatively, study at home in the morning ensuring they arrive to school no later than 11am where they will be signed in to school under the Flexible Release program.
- If students have a timetabled study period in Learning Session 3, students will be able to study in the College Library or alternatively, leave school by signing out at the student foyer, to go home to study or complete other tasks.

Currently, the students have not yet been allocated their Learning Coach meetings in their timetables. The learning coach will be a mentor for your child to support them in organising assessment strategies, promoting the development of study notes and generally developing skills for success in the HSC. Once the Learning Coach meetings are finalised, students must attend their allocated sessions and therefore must not take flexible release at that time. The HSC Learning Coach is a 50 minute session once per fortnight and will commence by Week 4 of this term.

This privilege will be dependent on each student's ability to apply themselves with diligence and sustained effort at Year 12 expectation levels. Should a classroom teacher feel that a student is underperforming in class, not completing set tasks or a pattern of poor attendance is emerging, their flexible release will be reviewed by the College Principal. If students do not meet attendance and/or learning expectations, students will be required to attend school and the student will be required to work closely with their teacher/s to complete outstanding class and/or assessment work to promote success and high achievement in their HSC.

I believe our HSC Students can achieve and perform well with the support and guidance of the experienced Penola staff and their families. I would like to thank you sincerely for the amazing support you have given to your child to allow them to flourish and succeed in the HSC 2021.

Yours sincerely

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Principal Leader