



OBERON HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday 24th August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Postponement of Trial HSC Examinations

Given the current climate we have made the decision to move the trial HSC examinations to week 9 of this term. This allows for students to continue preparing for the assessment task, along with finalise HSC courses in the lead up to the end of term. The following table breaks down what each subject will be doing for their trial examination. If your subject is not listed, it is because it did not originally have a trial scheduled.

Subject	Type of Task	How task is distributed	How task is submitted	Date must be submitted	Staff member to contact
Biology	Written Exam	Posted	Return to school	Friday Week 9	Heather Wiggins heather.wiggins@oberonhigh.com
Chemistry	Online Exam	Stile	Online (On Wed)	Wednesday Week 9	Gyan Mudaliar gyan.mudaliar@oberonhigh.com *If there is an issue with the exam being on Wed, please contact Mr Mudaliar ASAP.
Community and Family Studies	Written Exam	Posted	Return to school	Friday Week 9	Ebony Fenton ebony.fenton@oberonhigh.com
English Studies	Written Exam	Posted	Return to school	Friday Week 9	Fiona Abbott fiona.abbott@oberonhigh.com
Hospitality	Written Exam	Posted	Return to school	Friday Week 9	Laura Young laura.young@oberonhigh.com
IT Graphics	Written Exam	Pick up from school	Return to school	Friday Week 9	Mark Armstrong mark.g.armstrong@oberonhigh.com
Legal Studies	Online Exam (90 min)	Hapara (On Thurs)	Online (On Thurs)	Thursday Week 9	Cameron Inwood cameron.inwood@oberonhigh.com
Mathematics Standard 2	Written Exam	Posted	Return to school	Friday Week 9	Shannon Marshall shannon.marshall@oberonhigh.com
Society and Culture	Written Exam	Posted	Return to school	Friday Week 9	Sandra Mackay-Galea sandra.mackay-galea@oberonhigh.com
Visual Arts	Written Exam	Posted	Return to school	Friday Week 9	James Lyle james.lyle@oberonhigh.com

How this will work:

- Paper copy exams will be posted out to students during Week 8 to ensure they receive them in time for Week 9. Students are asked to please return these to the table at the front of the school no later than Friday 10th September. If you live out of town, an additional envelope has been included in your pack for you to put in the post no later than Friday 10th September.
- Online exams will be required to be completed online at specific times. Please be mindful that you will need to complete these on the specific day outlined above. You may also have a time limit allocated to these exams that you will need to adhere to.

Expectations:

- You may complete these exams as open book exams. This means you may refer to your class notes, workbooks and textbooks. You are not to refer to another person for answers to a question.
- It is recommended that you complete this exam in quiet conditions and within the time frame designated to you. This is the best way to help you prepare for the upcoming HSC exams.
- You would be best to allocate each exam you have to one day during that week e.g. Exam 1 Monday, Exam 2 Tuesday, Exam 3 Thursday, return to school Friday
- Follow the guidelines of All My Own Work and ensure what you submit is entirely your own work and not the work of someone else.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do I do if I am sick during Week 9?

If you are sick or unable to complete your exam during week 9 you will need to complete an illness and misadventure form just like normal. You will be required to provide documentation of your reasoning (e.g. a doctor's certificate) and you will need to complete the exam at an alternate time.

What happens if we return to face to face learning before or during Week 9?

If we have returned to face-to-face learning by week 9 of this term, Stage 6 students will remain off site during the exam week and will complete their trial exams via the method outlined in this new system (online or hard copies dropped into the office).

What if I am a student that usually receives disability provisions for exams?

If you usually receive disability provisions, alternate arrangements are being made for you and someone from the Learning and Support team will be in contact with you directly.

Who do I contact if I have an issue with one of my exams?

Your first point of contact is via email to the teacher listed next to the exam in the table. If you do not hear from them within 24 hours, please contact the school on 6336 1606 and the Head Teacher of the area will be in contact with you.

What happens if I don't do the trials?

If you do not submit your trial exams, you will receive a mark of zero and the usual processes will be followed, e.g. you will be sent a N-Award and might be in danger of not completing the course.

When do the hard copy exams need to be returned to the school?

Please return all hard copy exams by Friday 10th September. Ring the bell at the gate and then drop your exams off on the table just inside. There is no need to enter the office area – it is important that we make this process quick and contactless.

What happens if I live out of town and cannot bring my exams into town to drop off?

If you live out of town, you will be provided with a return envelope to post your exams back to the school. This needs to be in the post no later than Friday 10th September. Anything put in the post after this will be deemed late and dealt with according to our assessment procedures. Individual postal issues due to isolation need to be discussed prior to the exam week.

What happens if I have no exams at all?

Students who have no exams would not come to school during the trial exam week normally. This will remain the case during week 9 irrespective of how the school is operating at the time.

What should I do if the paper copies of my trials have not arrived by the Monday of week 9?

Immediately email the designated contact for the missing trial(s). You can also ring the school to talk to the executive member on duty.

Please note, every effort is being made to ensure students have clear and concise expectations and instructions during this trial period. Regardless of what COVID-19 brings in the near future, consistency for our students is paramount.

We encourage all students to engage in this changed process and strive to do their best. In the long run it will benefit them to challenge themselves and ultimately receive feedback from their teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding what has been outlined in this letter, please contact the school on 6336 1606 to discuss them with a member of executive.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Luccarda', written in a cursive style.

Craig Luccarda
Principal