

Dear Parents and Students,

The College remains closed for the whole of Term 3, therefore, any inquiries should be directed to bentleigh.sc@education.vic.edu.au which is checked twice daily. In addition, the General Office remains closed to all visitors during this pandemic. We need as many people as possible to stay at home, and there are very few conditions in which students will be able to attend on-site.

NEW UNIFORM

At Bentleigh Secondary College, students participate in the College's decision making and governance through Student Representative Council (SRC) with six elected students on School Council, Student Focus Groups and Leadership positions. After raising concerns about the uniform, school pride and connectedness, the student representatives worked closely with PSW and School Council to develop a revised uniform. As one student stated, 'I absolutely love the new fabrics and modern design and can't wait to wear it'.

In 2021, all Year 7 students will be in the new uniform which includes a blazer and tie. The rest of the school will phase in the uniform over the next three years with all students in the new Uniform Collection **by the end of 2023**. The Bentleigh blazer can be purchased via the school. School Council has been able to source the blazers at a wholesale price which will be passed directly to parents and available through the Bentleigh Second Hand Uniform Shop for students in Years 7 - 9, as well as has some second hand old uniform items for students in Years 10 – 12. All other items in the new Uniform Collection can be purchased through PSW Uniform Suppliers. See attachment: BSC Uniform Collection Approved School Council 19 Aug 2020.

ONLINE WRITING ASSESSMENT

All students in Years 7 - 11 will be given a writing task assessment on **9 September 2020** that will be graded and analysed by an external VCAA Assessor. The assessment will take approximately one hour and it is important that all students complete the assessment without assistance.

The details on how the online assessment will be delivered per year level will be provided to all parents at a later date and communicated via Compass newsfeed. All staff will be undertaking their Professional Learning Day (PPD) on this day to minimise classroom disruption to learning, allowing for the Online Writing Assessment to occur with lesson plans left on Compass for the rest of the day.

Years 7, 8 & 9

- NAPLAN style task. Students use written and visual material to form an opinion and write a persuasive piece outlining a contention with supporting arguments.
- Students are graded to the ACARA writing guide and will be scored to the ten criteria.

- Students will be assessed to the same rubric, allowing for analysis of performance across year levels etc.
- Marks will be recorded on a spreadsheet and organised by Home Group and overall cohort performance.
- Spreadsheet will also provide insights as to cohort-wide performance on each of the ten criteria to inform what needs to be revised in Term 4 on return or in early Commencement.

Years 10 & 11

- GAT style persuasive piece, with students given one hour two compose a comprehensive argument based on written material.
- Graded to a criteria marking their ability to write clearly, organise their thoughts/arguments, show thought and insight and to write with flair.
- Marks will be recorded on a spreadsheet and organised by Home Group and overall cohort performance to inform what needs to be revised in Term 4 on return or in early Commencement.

This will provide useful information to support students moving forward beyond the pandemic.

On completion of these timed Online Writing Assessments students in Years 7 to 11 are to complete any tasks left by their teachers on Compass, as all teachers will be undertaking their Professional Planning Day (PPD) to minimise disruptions to learning. Year 12 students will complete any work left by their teachers and continue to revise for end of year exams.

Take care and stay safe!

Yours sincerely,
Helene E. Hiotis
Principal