

## VCAA Update 11 August 2020

Dear Year 12 Students and Parents,

As you are aware, the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) will introduce a new 'Consideration of Educational Disadvantage' process to calculate VCE scores, taking into account disruptions to learning this year.

To calculate scores, the VCAA will consider a range of data provided by schools, together with each student's exam results. The data will include:

- the ranked order of students prior to and following the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- a student's indicative grades prior to and following the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- school assessments completed prior to remote and flexible learning
- the General Achievement Test (GAT)
- a range of statistical analyses used to calculate final results.

### **Consideration of Educational Disadvantage**

The Consideration of Educational Disadvantage process will include information about the circumstances and impact of the disruption on students. This approach will ensure that Victorian students are not disadvantaged in comparison to interstate students in the calculation of their individual ATAR.

Please find attached letter from The Hon James Merlino, Deputy Premier and Minister of Education.

### **Key Dates**

The General Achievement Test (GAT) will be rescheduled to Wednesday 7 October 2020.

The scheduling of end of year examinations will remain unchanged.

The examination dates provide sufficient time for teachers and students to complete adjusted VCE Unit 4 learning and school-based assessments, and to adequately prepare for the examinations. They also allow for VCE students to receive their results and ATARs on 30 December as per the current schedule.

### **VTAC**

Students applying for tertiary places in 2021 can also submit a Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) application to VTAC.

The VCAA is working closely with VTAC to ensure information collection processes are complementary and do not create unnecessary additional administrative burden for schools and/or students.

Students who have been impacted by additional factors and circumstances can still apply for special consideration through the VCAA's existing processes to ensure they are not adversely and unfairly affected.

You have all done remarkably well and I urge you to stay on course, complete all online learning tasks, watch edrolo and participate in the online English/GAT sessions and maths online tutor program.

These measures have been put in place to minimise the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Stay connected to each and work in small study groups on past exam papers.

Yours sincerely,

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