



## VCE Information

We have received some information from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority in regards to VCE, VET and VCAL. We know you are understandably concerned about how learning from home and delayed assessment will affect your 2020 results.

One of the strengths of the VCE is that it balances your school-based assessment with external exams. This flexibility means that our College has responded to the current challenges in a way that best supports you to achieve your outcomes.

If you are in Year 12, you will be able to sit your 2020 exams. We have been informed that this will happen in **December 2020**. Please note if you have booked holidays for this time they will need to be postponed.

If you are undertaking VCAL, we have been able to offer alternative assessments to workplace learning. If you are enrolled in a VET unit with a mandatory work placement, you will need to defer your mandatory work placement until it can be conducted. This may affect the timing of the award of your certificate. Mr Huddy has contacted all students to provide support in this area.

In the meantime, your primary goal during this time is to focus on learning, stay in contact with your teachers and keep on track. Turn to your teachers and family for guidance and support, and your school will provide you with more information as it becomes available.

There will be no real changes to Units 1 and 2. Unit 3 assessment has been adjusted and we need all students to complete their SACs under conditions as directed by their teachers. Some practical assessments may be done on site under strict conditions.

### Study scores

Study scores reflect each student's relative position in relation to all other students in that study that year. So, top-performing students this year, for example, will receive the same results as top-performing students in any other year.

### 2021 Tertiary entrance

While there may be a difference in timing this year, there will still be a transparent and consistent process to facilitate tertiary entrance in 2021. Institutions across the country are committed to ensuring 2021 entrance is open and available to students completing their VCE in 2020.

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### #DoItForDollyDay

At the beginning of 2018, the nation was stunned by the untimely death of 14-year-old Dolly Everett, a victim of relentless bullying. On Friday 8th of May, we're asking ALL students and staff to spread #DoItForDollyDay by wearing BLUE.

There will be prizes for best dressed!! Please send your photos to [rochester.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:rochester.sc@education.vic.gov.au) Check out the link to see what else you can do. <https://dollysdream.org.au/do-it-for-dolly-day>

### Mothers Day Photo Competition

This year we are holding a competition open to everyone in our wonderful Rochester Secondary College community - Students and Parents!

Simply send in your favourite photo of you and your Mum or special person in your life, along with a few lines telling us the best advice they have ever given you. Selected entries will be showcased on our School Facebook page. We will choose a winner from Years 7-9 and a winner from Years 10-12. The winners will receive a chocolate prize!

Please send entries to [rochester.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:rochester.sc@education.vic.gov.au) by 12 noon on Wednesday 6th May. Good Luck!

### 2020 Deb Ball

College Council has decided that due to the current climate and restrictions that it is in the best interest of all involved to cancel the Deb Ball for 2020. Should conditions and restrictions change dramatically we may be able to reschedule but at this stage we do not want families to commit finances to this event.

Please contact the College if you we can help or support you in anyway.

As always, you can reach out for support or if you have any questions – call 0354841 844 or email [Rochester.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Rochester.sc@education.vic.gov.au)



### *Useful Education Websites;*

<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/>

[www.essentialassessment.com.au](http://www.essentialassessment.com.au)

[www.edrolo.com.au](http://www.edrolo.com.au)

<https://xuno.rochsec.vic.edu.au/index.php>

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### School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Achievements:

Our students and staff have all been doing a wonderful job adapting and adjusting to remote learning – as part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program we would like to have a virtual reward card system.

- Teachers will record achievements on XUNO.
- Rewards including vouchers from some of our local businesses will be sent home to students in the mail.
- Students will receive a reward if they are in the top 20% of students for their year level.
- Achievements will be awarded for demonstrating our values of Growth, Respect, Optimism, Wellbeing and Support, for example;
  - ✓ Positive contribution to class discussion
  - ✓ Completing work to Personal Best standard
  - ✓ Being on time to Google Meets
  - ✓ Being organized for class and ready to learn



## Rochester Secondary College Online Learning Behaviours

In our online learning spaces



We show  
GROWTH  
by ...

Listening carefully  
and doing our best

Being organised  
and ready to learn

Using ICT as a  
learning resource



We show  
RESPECT  
by ...

Treating people and  
property with respect

Listening to  
others and allowing  
others to learn

Using appropriate  
language



We show  
OPTIMISM  
by ...

Speaking  
positively

Striving for  
excellence

Making positive  
posts and  
contributions



We show  
WELLBEING  
by ...

Thinking about how  
our behaviour affects  
ourselves and others

Being patient  
with others

Only sharing appropriate  
content and only  
recording with permission



We show  
SUPPORT  
by ...

Being kind to  
everyone and  
asking for help

Working  
cooperatively  
with others

Reporting  
cyberbullying

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How do I get help with my learning outside of class time?**

A: Please email your teacher between 9am and 3pm with a question or if you need to make an appointment with them to get some extra help.

**Q: I am having issues with my device and logging in?**

A: Our IT team is available to help with any issues; please call the school and we will help you sort out any issues.

**Q: I do a lot of my work on paper – how do I submit it?**

A: You can take a photo of your workbook and submit it or email it to your teacher. Teachers want to know what you are doing so find a way to share it with them.

**Q: I am really worried about my friend – who do I talk to?**

A: You can talk to any of your teachers, especially your home group teacher or contact your Year Level Coordinator via email or on XUNO. Mrs. Gould and Mr. Sanders are at school everyday, you can call them on the school number 03 54841844 or email them. Mrs. Taylor is also available to support all students.

**Q: My parents' roster has changed can I come to school now?**

A: Parents need to contact the school on a Thursday for students to come to school the following week. At school you will do the same online classes as you do at home. The directive from the Victorian Government remains the same "Students who can learn from home must learn from home."

**Q: I get a really sore neck after looking at the computer for a long time – what can I do?**

A: Exercise is really important, our lessons are shorter than usual so that you have time to get up between lessons, move around and stretch. You need to get outside every day, eat lunch outside or go for a walk. It is really important that you frequently look away from the computer and focus on something far away.

**Q: I am starting to really miss my friends and even some of my teachers – what can I do?**

A: This is really common and a lot of us are feeling like this, make sure you keep in contact with friends and family. Set up some fun challenges for your family, they could be around fitness or art or card games, anything you enjoy. Phone people to talk to them or set up a family Google Meet or have a quiz night. I am sure the people you invite will really appreciate it as well.