

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do these guidelines apply to all Catholic schools in NSW?

This position statement is an agreed understanding for all NSW Catholic schools built on broad consultation across the sector. While decisions can be made independently by Catholic school systems or RI/MPJP schools, this presents a unified position of clarity for our staff, students and families.

2. How will schools use the time between now and the scheduled final HSC exams to support HSC students?

In accordance with the Public Health Orders and relevant government advice, schools will work to finalise HSC classes and assessments in the time leading up to the final HSC exams to the professional standards our schools operate. Appropriate measures are being put in place by NESA to ensure that equity is accorded to all 2021 HSC students.

3. Are your schools closed for Term 3?

No. Our schools have never been closed and remain open to their students who, for agreed circumstances, need to attend lessons on site.

4. Are schools able to operate with these guidelines with respect to regulatory obligations?

Yes. The Public Health Orders allow students to attend onsite learning where they are the children of essential workers, or where they are unable to learn remotely.

5. What will Term 3 look like for HSC students?

For Catholic schools in Greater Sydney and areas where school attendance is not advised, HSC students will not be on site for the Trial HSC Examinations, and will not return to school for normal, face-to-face schooling in Term 3, until all students have been cleared to return.

Decisions as to Trial HSC Examinations are devolved to individual schools and systems, who will determine whether these exams are substituted for other assessment measures, noting the Trial HSC Examinations are not a mandatory form of assessment. These decisions will be with reference to the latest NESA HSC Assessment advice.

6. What will the final assessment task look like for HSC students?

The final assessment tasks will follow the published NESA guidelines to schools. Assessment tasks could include a modified exam or developing an alternative school-based task. NESA has recently provided guidance to schools on this issue (available [here](#)).

Once the school has decided the nature of the final assessment task, HSC students will be notified in writing by an *Assessment Task Notification* of its form and weighting.

7. What will Term 3 look like for K-11?

Catholic schools commit to the contingency of remote learning for the remainder of Term 3. Catholic Schools and Systems will develop plans for assessment and reporting for K-11 that addresses the constraints of Term 3, noting the reporting requirements under the *Australian Education Act 2013* (Cth).

8. Will Year 11 students sit an end of year examination in Term 3?

For Catholic schools in Greater Sydney and areas where school attendance is not advised, students will not be on site for the Year 11 End of Year Examinations (end of Term 3), contingent on government advice. Catholic Schools will develop plans for assessment and reporting for 11 that addresses the constraints of Term 3.

9. Will Year 11 students be issued a ROSA grade?

Yes. Once the formal assessment schedule is completed, individual schools will determine and issue RoSA grades according to NESA guidelines.

10. Will the CSSA HSC Trial Examinations be available for students to complete online?

Separate advice will be issued on this issue via the CSSA.