



Monday 14th October 2019

Dear Year 10, parents/caregivers

Term 4 is a very important term for all Year 10 students.

The Record of School Achievement (RoSA)

The Record of School Achievement (RoSA) is the credential for students who leave school after Year 10 and before they receive their Higher School Certificate (HSC). The RoSA has been designed to provide grades for all Stage 5 (Year 10) and Stage 6 (Preliminary – Year 11) courses completed during secondary education. The RoSA for students completing Stage 5 courses in 2019 will list all mandatory and additional Stage 5 courses along with the grade awarded.

To be eligible to complete the Stage 5 component of the RoSA:

- Students must complete the learning outcomes in all courses studied for the RoSA in 2019.
- Students must have attended school until the last day of Term 4.
- Students must have worked with sustained effort and diligence to complete all set work in each subject.
- Students must complete yearly assessments and examinations.
- The RoSA credential will report on a student's achievements in Stage 5 courses, using A to E grades.
- Grades for courses in Year 10 will be based on the results gained in assessment tasks that students have completed throughout the year. These grades will be reported to the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)

Further information on the **Record of School Achievement (RoSA)** can be located on the NSW Education Standards Authority Website:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home>

RoSA Assessment Tasks and Yearly Examinations 2019

- **During Term 4 Weeks 3 & 4 (Monday 28th October to Tuesday 5th November)**

Students will be required to sit for formal yearly examinations in the mandatory core curriculum subjects: English, Mathematics, Science, Australian History, Australian Geography, Civics and Citizenship and PDHPE. Some students will also be required to sit for formal examinations in their elective subjects during this time.

- Students are required to wear full school uniform to all Year 10 Yearly examinations. The examinations will take place in the GRC Peakhurst school hall.
- Students who are absent on the day of an exam will be required to provide a medical certificate to explain their absence. Yearly exams are considered as assessment tasks.
- An exam timetable has been distributed to students outlining the timing of specific examinations and important examination rules and procedures.

Compulsory Preliminary Course (Year 11) Units of Work

All students intending to continue to Year 11 at Georges River College Oatley in 2020 will be required to complete specific units of work that have been designed by teachers from both the middle campuses and senior campus of Georges River College.

This work is to be undertaken by students in **Weeks 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10 of Term 4 2019** and is essential to support student transition to senior learning.

Work Experience

All Year 10 students are expected to attend work experience during Term 4 Week 7. (Monday 25th November – Friday 29th November 2019) Students were provided with a work experience package in September 2019.

Attendance

Students in Year 10, who have not reached 17 years of age, are required to attend school until the last day of Term 4.

Student attendance will be closely monitored throughout Term 4. If a student has substandard attendance, they are jeopardising their ability to fully prepare for senior studies and hence will find the transition from Year 10 to Year 11 difficult. These students could be classified at-risk in terms of their capacity to cope with the rigours of the senior syllabus. Students with substandard attendance may also face a probationary enrolment into GRC Oatley Campus if the pattern of attendance continues without a valid excuse. The aim of this condition is to ensure a successful learning transition into senior studies from one campus to another and for all students to have a successful start to the Year 11 preliminary course.

Exemptions from senior schooling:

- The guidelines for the school leaving age indicate that all students must attend a recognised program of study, employment (more than 25 hours a week), or a combination of both until they turn 17 years of age. Year 10 students who can demonstrate that they are leaving school **to enter into continuing employment and will not be returning to take up study in Year 11 in 2020**, (eg. Letter from an employer re apprenticeship/TAFE enrolment) are able to leave after the completion of the final Yearly Exam on Tuesday 5th November, provided they have completed **all their clearance obligations with the school**.
- Temporary vacation work for Year 10 students intending on transitioning to Year 11 at GRC Oatley in 2020 is discouraged until after the final day of Term 4 – Wednesday 18th December 2019.

Leave

In exceptional circumstances where students may be travelling overseas or leaving for other reasons before the conclusion of Term 4 an official 'Application for Exemption from Attendance at School' form (available from the Front Office) must be completed by a parent/caregiver. Flight details or a letter of explanation needs to be attached and all documents need to be personally handed to the Principal. Please allow two weeks for applications to be considered and processed and don't automatically assume leave will be granted. If leave is granted, students must complete **all clearance obligations with the school** prior to the commencement of leave.

Orientation at Georges River College Oatley Campus

This very important transition program will take place on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at GRC Oatley Campus. **Full school uniform** must be worn on this day. Further details regarding this day will be provided to students during November.

Year 10 Formal

The Year 10 Formal will occur on Wednesday 4th December 2019. Students have previously received detailed information regarding the formal from Mrs Talevski (Year 10 Student Advisor).

Students who expect to attend the Year 10 Formal:

- ***Cannot have unresolved detentions/reflections***

*The deadline to resolve outstanding detentions/reflections is Friday 22nd November 2019.

***Students who are on daily monitoring: attendance at the formal will be at the discretion of the school's senior executive.**

Year 10 Clearance Day – Return of Equipment/Payment of outstanding fees

Year 10 Clearance day will be held on Friday 6th December 2019 (11.30am – 1.00pm). This will be followed by a compulsory Presentation Day Practice (1.00pm – 1.30pm)

- Students who have textbooks, library books or any other equipment on loan from the library or other school faculty must return these before they can be cleared.
- Students who still owe outstanding subject charges or excursion costs must finalise these before finalising formal payments. Families experiencing difficulties in meeting this requirement are requested to contact the Principal as soon as possible. Any student who cannot finalise the return of equipment will not be invited to attend the Presentation Day / Year 10 Farewell Ceremony with the rest of Year 10 on Wednesday 11th December 2019 and will receive their portfolio at a later time.

Year 10 Presentation Day / Farewell Ceremony

Wednesday 11th December 2019 (9.00am – 10.30am)

The whole school community is committed to celebrating the conclusion of Year 10 at GRC Peakhurst Campus. This important milestone is valued very highly, so please put **9am Wednesday 11th December 2019** in your diary.

- Before the Presentation Day/Farewell Ceremony, there will be a Year 10 meeting to inspect uniform. Students will be required to be present for this meeting at 8.30am. Students who are not wearing the correct GRC Peakhurst Campus uniform will not be able to collect their portfolio in the school hall with the rest of the year group. They will be issued with their portfolio after the ceremony.
- Correct uniform includes plain black leather shoes.
- Students who expect to attend the farewell ceremony **cannot have any outstanding detentions/reflections.** (In order to attend the ceremony, the deadline for completing outstanding detentions/reflections is Friday 6th December 2019.
- **Students who are on daily monitoring: attendance at the Year 10 Presentation Day/Farewell will be at the discretion of the school's senior executive.**

We thank all families for their continuing support of their child's education at Georges River College Peakhurst Campus for the past four years. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of Year 10 with everyone at the Presentation Day / Farewell Ceremony on Wednesday 11th December 2019.

Sincerely,

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