

Dear Principal

### **Confirmation of VCE Examination Schedule for 2020**

The Premier and the Minister for Education have announced the timeline for the 2020 VCE examinations.

This is great news for senior secondary students, their families and teachers supporting them during this unprecedented global event.

By committing to remote and flexible learning so comprehensively, schools and families have played a vital role in helping flatten the curve of the coronavirus pandemic in Victoria.

These efforts, and the coronavirus testing blitz, have meant that schools can return to on-site teaching and learning sooner than expected. This has enabled the Victorian Government to amend the previously announced VCE examination timeline to ensure students can complete their exams and receive results before the end of 2020.

Importantly, the schedule gives sufficient time for teachers and students to complete adjusted VCE Unit 4 learning and school-based assessments and prepare for VCE examinations.

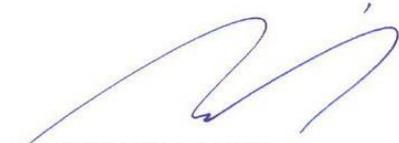
Written exams will be conducted between 9 November and 2 December 2020, so that ATAR scores can be calculated and VCE and VCAL students will receive their results before the end of 2020. This announcement will give certainty to VCE students whose studies have been interrupted by coronavirus. I hope that this information will support principals and teachers to plan and confirm VCE learning and teaching programs for the remainder of 2020.

The VCAA has worked closely with the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) on the 2020 exam schedule to deliver results before the end of 2020. This means that university offers for 2021 can be made to Victorian students in alignment with their peers around Australia.

The VCE exam schedule will be published on the [VCAA website](#) following the Minister's announcement. The date for the General Achievement Test has also now been confirmed as Wednesday 9 September 2020. Specific information on the VCE exam timetable will be provided before the start of Term 3.

I am also pleased to inform you that Ms Sharyn Donald will return to the role of Chief Executive Officer of the VCAA from Monday 25 May 2020. I would like to take this opportunity to thank principals and school staff for your continued support and care for all Victorian students. I would also like to thank the VCAA Board and staff for their support and advice during my time as Acting CEO. I look forward to working with Sharyn, as a VCAA Board member and colleague, upon her return to the role.

Kind regards



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Acting Chief Executive Officer

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