

Dear Parent/Caregivers of Students in Year 11 & 12 in 2010

Advance Notice of Changes to Supervised Study, Early Departure & Late Arrival

New SACE requires students to use more independent learning skills. We have introduced the Personal Project and the Personal Plan (PLP) for all Year 10 students and in 2010 Year 11 SACE students will begin the Research Project. All these require independent learning.

Apart from the new SACE requirements we are committed to developing independent learning skills in our students because they enable more successful outcomes in their studies.

In 2010 we will introduce a new individual study structure for Year 11 and 12 that supports the student's growth as an independent learner. It will build on the planning and reflection skills that students have already developed in the PLP. Approved Year 11 & 12 students will have the following privileges:

- Late arrival. The student must arrive in time to swipe in before the first scheduled lesson.
- Early departure after all scheduled lessons have been completed.
- **Approved students will not have to attend Supervised Study** but will manage their own independent study in areas such as the Study Centre and the Resource Centre. They will also have the use of the Cafeteria.

Approved Year 12 students will only have to attend Home Group in the mornings for the first three weeks of term 1 & 4, the first week of term 2 & 3, and the last week term 1 - 3. These are key times when vital information is shared with Year 12 students. All Year 12 students will be required to attend Extended Home Group on Tuesdays 12.30 – 1.15 pm as well as regularly scheduled meetings with their Student Adviser to discuss their progress.


Students in Year 11 & 12 who have not yet demonstrated the required level of independent learning skills will attend Home Group every morning and also Supervised Study.

Who gets Independent Study Privileges?

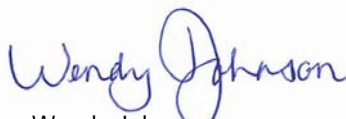
Year 10, 11 and 12 Leaders working with the Assistant Principal and Deputy Principal have used student results to assess each student's progress as an independent learner. Discussions with subject teachers have also occurred. Students will be notified at the start of the new school year if they have been approved as an independent learner. **Please note students who do not use these privileges effectively will lose them.**

Can students who are not approved initially access these privileges during the year?

The acquisition of independent learning skills is a developmental process and so leaders will be monitoring the progress of all students during the year. At designated points we will evaluate student performance through achievement results, meeting Progress Markers (deadlines) in Year 12, teacher feedback and attendance data. Students who meet these criteria will then be granted Independent Study Privileges.


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