

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Year 12 students,

The school recognises that the HSC year is a stressful time for the students as well as their parents.

Today, at a Year 12 year meeting, students were reminded of the support the school provides to enable them to achieve to their potential in the HSC.

This letter contains an overview of the academic, welfare and careers planning support available to assist students to maximise their results, as well as gaining a smooth transition to post-school destinations. Please encourage your child to utilise these resources leading up to the HSC exams.

The academic support at this school for Year 12 students includes

- Homework Centre – every Wednesday after school. Students are advised to come weekly or just drop in to ask for assistance.
- Assessment assistance opportunities – Ms Nicholls runs sessions for Year 12 students once a week where they can receive help with their assessment tasks and class work.
- Teaching staff
- Head Teachers

Your subject teachers and your Head Teachers are most happy for you to approach them with any questions you may have in regards to a concept or going through your work. Please speak to them.

The welfare support at Alexandria Park Community School for Year 12 students includes:

- Deputy Principal Ms Hawkins
- Year 12 Adviser Ms Fatouros
- Head Teacher Wellbeing Ms Betar
- Head Teacher of Year 12 Ms Siamas
- School Counsellor Cheryl Herden
- Aboriginal Education Officer – Uncle Hilton Donovan
- Year 12 Mentor Teachers
- Learning and Support Teachers Ms Foley and Ms Nicholls

The Year Adviser is always your first 'port of call'. She will assist you personally or direct you to the right person to speak to.

The Welfare Team is committed to ensure that your child is best placed to meet the challenges of Year 12. Please ask your child who their mentor teacher is and encourage them to speak to them and/or any member of the Welfare Team listed above for assistance whenever necessary.

Support for career pathways for Year 12 students includes:

- Small group and one-on-one careers counselling and post school transition planning meetings
- Information and assistance with University, TAFE and Private College applications
- Assistance with Early Admissions to universities
- Exploration of alternative pathways
- Scholarship applications
- Assistance with University Admissions Centre (UAC) applications and UAC Schemes- Student Recommendation Scheme (SRS), Educational Access Schemes (EAS) and Equity Scholarships (ES)
- Apprenticeships, traineeships and job Information

For more information please speak to Ms Betar.

Others support includes:

- Disability Provisions (For students with a diagnosed medical condition)
- Adjustment factors previously referred to as 'bonus points'. (This varies from one tertiary institution to the other. See Ms Foley)
- Student references (Every student will receive a reference before they sign out at the end of the year. You will be given a form to complete after your Trial Exams)

Please note - If we can support your child in other ways which are not mentioned above, please let us know by emailing the Year Adviser and Deputy Principal at [alexparkcs-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:alexparkcs-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

If I can be of personal assistance on any matter you can also contact me at the above email address.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Fetherson  
Principal  
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