Dear Parents/Carers and Year 10 students,

Now that the School Certificate examinations are upon us it is appropriate to communicate to you the requirements for Year 10 for the remainder of the school year.

The students are required to attend school up to and including Friday 16 December, 2011. For the students who have chosen full-time employment or other educational options over senior schooling for 2012 such as TAFE they should firstly bring me the supporting documentation and I will then contact parents to explain sign out procedures. This can happen from 18 November, 2011.

All School Certificate courses will not be completed until mid December, and work related to syllabus outcomes continues for each subject, hence attendance of students is mandatory. Normal lessons will continue to that time. In most subjects students will be commencing work designed to prepare them for senior schooling. The following is a description of the units of work that students will be studying during their final weeks of Year 10. These include:

**Mathematics**
Students will be divided into groups based on their Maths selection for Year 11. The classes will then undertake preparatory work in areas such as algebra, numeracy, logarithms and financial mathematics.

**Science**
All students will be involved in activities designed to enhance their skills necessary for success in the senior school, focussing on developing research, analysis, communication, and planning and conducting skills.

**Drama**
Core Drama will be involved in a performance task based on extracts from selected plays; Extension students will be undertaking a 'Shakespeare' unit of work.

**History**
History skills, source analysis, historiography linked to senior History and Civics and Citizenship

**Geography**
Geography skills, source analysis, Geographic investigation/ fieldwork and Civics and Citizenship including the study of contemporary issues such as Australia’s global links and globalisation, the environment and human rights.

**Dance**
Musical Theatre

**Classical Ballet**
Repertoire

**Visual Arts**
Acrylic painting on canvas, focus on planning art work using photoshop, epidiascope enlargement and execution

**English**
All students will be undertaking preparatory work for the senior English courses. They will be continuing with their Romanticism poetry unit and will be required to complete classwork related to this module. This includes presenting their research report, writing essays and completing some creative work including composing poetry. There are many concepts taught that are relevant to the Preliminary course.

**Music**
Music for small ensembles and performance based projects and themes.

**TAS**
D&T Project based work. * Food Technology Christmas cookery

**PDHPE**
Moving on / activities to challenge

Another program that Year 10 students are required to complete this term is ‘All My Own Work’, a compulsory Board of Studies developed program. It is designed to help senior students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding, valuing and using ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their Preliminary and HSC studies. The program consists of five modules that will be assessed on line and completed at school. Students will work through the modules and perform the quiz showing they understand the content of the ‘All My Own Work’ program.

The following are significant dates which specifically relate to Year 10 after the School Certificate examinations:

**December 8**
All parents, carers and students are warmly invited to the Presentation Day ceremony on December 8, 2011, at the Seymour Centre.

**December 16**
Issuing of School Certificates, all students are required to sign out.

**Year 10 last day**

Good luck and best wishes to all our students sitting for the School Certificate exams this week.

Yours sincerely

Pete Shields, Relieving Principal
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