



RADFORD COLLEGE

COVID-19 FAQs for Secondary School 11-12 Supplement

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What does COVID 19 mean for gaining a Year 12 Certificate/ATAR/IB Diploma in 2020?

Both systems have made assurances that students will be able to complete their qualification in 2020. See specific links below:

[IB Diploma](#)

[BSSS](#)

Will the AST still be on?

Yes. So, if you are a BSSS Tertiary student, you are encouraged to continue with your preparation for this task, including upcoming scheduled practices.

Will I still have access to university in 2021? What about early entry?

There are some excellent options available, with several universities making significant allowances to support student pathways to tertiary education. Please click below links for examples and further information:

[UAC](#) This also answers questions about the Equitable Access Scheme ie adjustment factors for students facing adversity.

[ANU](#) To clarify the use of Yr11 results, this was the case in 2019 also, the only difference is the conditions applied to the offers they may make. Students can still apply through UAC.

[University of Canberra](#) More information about Schools Recommendation Scheme is available [here](#). Students will be briefed on this closer to the time when applications are due.

We would normally have university or other training centres present to us – how will we get information about opportunities?

A number of universities such as University of Sydney, University of Canberra and ANU have opened up webinars for Radford students to attend which have been advertised in the students 'Team' for year 11 or 12. Students and parents should also keep an eye on the regular careers information [here](#). An example of this is [here](#)

What is happening with our Assessment now that face to face teaching has been interrupted and students may not be on campus?

All subjects will still have a minimum of 3 tasks. If these tasks need to change your teacher will be in contact with you to let you know the change eg weighting, due date, task conditions. They have your best interests at heart, so will only make changes if they need to.

What does it mean for exams at the end of semester 1?

There will be no exams in the traditional form but we are planning assessment and learning activities for the end of semester one that will be mindful of the individual and community circumstances faced by students. As the exams are not occurring in the old format, you can expect there will be more days of usual classes, rather than pupil free.

Will I 'V' grade if I don't attend school?

Providing you continue to follow the timetable and engage in your classes (this means you do the class activities and participate) your teacher will mark you as 'present' from a BSSS perspective. Just like the usual scenario, if you are 'absent' ie not engaging in class work set, your parents would be contacted.

What happens if I am sick and can't do the work/attend class?

If it is only for a day or two, you can catch up and demonstrate this to your teacher. If, however you are unwell for a longer period, you should get a medical certificate and send it to the attendance officer and your teacher's so they are aware.

Will I have to repeat a year? Or will the school year go beyond the usual previously published November/December end of term dates?

You will **not** need to repeat a year and the previous dates for the end of the year still apply. The BSSS and IB are well prepared for scenarios than include full lockdown, remote learning or usual face to face within the usual timeframes. We know that other systems or places around the world have already done this for example: the [IB Diploma May exams](#) were cancelled and the [HSC](#) has announced changes to assessment that are responsive to student needs.

How do we know some students are not colluding in person or online, or that other resources are not being accessed?

The BSSS have reinforced the following with teachers "All assessment should provide equity of access, equivalency in conditions, and maintain academic integrity". You will be reminded of your academic responsibilities and if there are any instances of completed work that are not consistent with class work you may be asked to discuss the work with your teacher or the Head of Department to make sure that you do have the knowledge and understanding demonstrated.

What about all the regular events that aren't my subject classes?

Year 11 and 12 'Z line' and AST practices as scheduled will continue. Assembly will be in the regular time. Mrs Melloy and the Heads of Year will be working towards providing other check-ins and events. We want you to still be connected with Radford.

What's happening about events like Revue, Dirrum, etc?

We will be looking to find creative solutions to hold events where possible.

I am worried that school events will be postponed to when I have exams.

Rest assured that if they are moved (rather than cancelled), that we'll be keeping in mind competing events.