



Year 11 Parent Q&A



What can I do to assist my son?



1. Encourage your son to get up early to be prepared for work at the starting time of a normal school day. The more you can keep things as normal as possible, the better it will be for your whole family, but particularly for his learning. The School is looking to institute a mandatory check-in system for all students for Term 2.
2. Please support the School by ensuring that your son appears online in front of others appropriately dressed and groomed and that there's a suitable background behind him and that he respects the online learning environment.
3. Teachers are marking rolls for students who are present for online learning and for the submission of work. You will be contacted if a teacher has a concern about your son's involvement in classes or fails to submit due work.
4. Check in with your son about his learning by asking him what he learned today or how his day is set for tomorrow.

What if my son is unwell or unavailable and cannot attend his virtual lessons?

Inform the School by 9:00am that morning if your son is unable to undertake distance learning for a full day by emailing the Sergeant Major catwill@shore.nsw.edu.au



Will live video be required for every lesson?

No. Shore's Distance Learning Plan is not attempting to replicate on campus face to face learning.

The Shore Distance Learning Plan requires flexibility. Different families and different boys have different needs at the moment. For instance, there are some families at home where five or six people are sharing bandwidth and it may not be possible for some students to access the internet when they need to. Our plan is designed with the need for flexibility.

The Shore Distance Learning Plan needs to be sustainable over the long term as it is not clear how long this form of learning will be required.

The School is attempting to establish a sense of calm for the boys.

I am finding this process very challenging.

This is a new experience for teachers and boys.

Shore acknowledges that in the first weeks there will be a degree of trial and error, however, we ask for your patience as we work through this together.

We recognise the importance of managing online fatigue for students and teachers.

This is a huge adjustment for both the boys and teaching staff.



When will Year 11 boys receive the updated Assessment Schedule?

The Assessment Schedule will be emailed to parents on 8 April. This will provide timings, dates and weightings for tasks.

What do I do if my son cannot complete an Assessment Task due to illness?

Firstly, please inform the Sergeant Major that your son is absent.

The Illness and Misadventure Form can be found on Lampada using the left hand navigation panel - Lampada/Parent Resources/Senior School Academic Policy, Forms and Procedures/Illness Misadventure Assessment Appeal form 2020.

Will Year 11 Progress Meetings be held in Term II?

The Year 11 Progress Meetings are scheduled for 27 July. At this stage they are still scheduled to proceed, pending Government advice.



Will Year 11 Examinations proceed?

Year 11 Examinations will proceed in August, as planned, at this stage.

Who should my son contact if he is struggling?

Your son should follow the normal procedure of contacting his Tutor and or his Housemaster for any questions.

The Counselling Team are available if needed.



Does the School have any recommended resources for the wellbeing of my son during this time?

Please make sure you visit Lampada/Wellbeing for a selection of extremely helpful resources.

The Wellbeing page is the first tab on the left hand panel when you log in to Lampada.

My son really misses his friends. What is the best way for him to keep in touch?

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Sometimes there's not enough time between lessons for boys to get set up for the next listen. Can we shorten periods slightly to allow time to transition?

Teachers have been advised that they should not be doing anything outside the normal timetable period and to leave enough time between lessons for students to move from one to another. The School will be looking at routine and structure moving into Term II to ensure that there is sufficient time allowed between lessons.

There seems to be an overload of homework. Are teachers liaising with each other to avoid giving the boys too much work?

This is probably to be expected and quite natural. We usually find at the beginning of the school year that some students have an enormous amount of homework and some students do not. Please be assured that we are working through this. We are advising our teachers to ease back a little. We will continue to monitor this.

Can we offer after school help for our boys, similar to a study centre?

This is certainly something that the School will be investigating moving into Term II.

