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Studies (BSSS), please consider the following points regarding the delivery of assessment in Years 7 – 12 at this time:

- Schools in the ACT are still required to facilitate the assessment of student learning
- Schools are also required to adapt the assessment program and task types to be deliverable in this new context

If changes to assessment task types, schedule or conditions are required:

- In Years 11 and 12, students will be notified and given the opportunity (within a specified timeframe) to respond to the proposed change in writing, before the change is implemented.
- In Years 7 – 12, the semester outline and task instructions made available on Daranet will be updated.

There will be a need to progressively make updates to assessment as the broader situation unfolds and not all updates will be made instantly.

Any assessment tasks that students have already completed will not have changes made to their weightings in retrospect.

If students are unable to complete an assessment item by the due date due to circumstances beyond their control, they can still request an extension using the forms available via the Teaching and Learning Tile in Daranet. In reviewing these applications, staff will be sensitive of the current context. We are conscious that many students who are unwell may not be able to visit a health care professional to obtain a medical certificate at this time to attach to their extension request. In this case a letter from a parent/guardian will be accepted as documentary evidence of illness to support the extension request. These forms can be completed and submitted via email to:

- Years 7 – 10: The class teacher
- Years 11 and 12: The Subject Coordinator

We acknowledge the challenges that students face in completing assessment from home and our teachers will be working hard to support all learners in demonstrating their skills and knowledge and to develop flexible approaches to assessing student progress.

### **AST Tests**

An email was sent this afternoon to all Year 12 students and their families alerting them to the decision made by the ACT BSSS to reschedule the AST Tests to **Tuesday 12 October** and **Wednesday 13 October** due to the current lockdown. Year 12 students (T and A) will now be expected in their online classes on the dates the tests were originally scheduled, Tuesday 31 August and Wednesday 1 September.

### **Financial Support**

Families who are experiencing changed financial circumstances due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, are encouraged to contact the College Business Manager, Hugh Boulter, to discuss support that may be available to you. He can be contacted via email on [hugh.boulter@daramalan.act.edu.au](mailto:hugh.boulter@daramalan.act.edu.au).

As always, should you have any concerns please contact your student's pastoral leader, via email, in the first instance. Their contacts can be found on Daranet at [Pastoral Contact details](#). Likewise, if you are experiencing internet issues please email the Pastoral Leader so that we can look at how best to support your student in their learning.

Please continue to keep safe and well during these uncertain times.

Best wishes  
Rachel Davies  
Principal  
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