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Dear Year 11 and 12 Students and their Parents and Carers

On Wednesday 7 September, students studying at least one VCE Unit 3/4 subject or scored VCE-VET Unit 3/4 subject (and sitting end-of-year examinations) or students studying a senior-level VCAL will be completing the General Achievement Test (GAT). Students should aim to be onsite at St Mary's at 9.00am. Part A of the exam commences at 9.30am and concludes at 11.45am. Part B of the exam commences at 1.15pm and concludes at 3.00pm. Most students will sit both sections of the exam; students who are only required to sit Part A will be informed.

Please note that as this examination affects the majority of our Year 11 and 12 students, we will not be running classes on this day for Year 11 and 12 students who are not completing the GAT examination. Year 10 students will continue their studies as normal, but will be completing their learning in classrooms at a distance from the examination centre. Year 10 students will be advised of a number of room changes on the day to allow for the GAT to take place.

During the 90-minute break (11.45-1.15pm) between sections, Canteen facilities will be available and students will be able to congregate for lunch in designated areas. Students will be called to reassemble for the second section at 1.00pm.

Please ensure that all students familiarise themselves with the following guidelines prior to the day of the GAT:

- On the day of the GAT, if a student is feeling unwell and has COVID-19 symptoms, other medical reasons, or has an emergency, it is essential that the College is contacted between 8.00am and 9.30am by phoning 5445 9100. The General Office will inform either Mrs Suzie Kemp, Mrs Joanne MacDonald or Mr Dylan Mead. Depending on the situation you may be required to apply for Emergency Special Examination Arrangements via the VCAA for your child.
- All students are required to wear their full College (non-PE) uniform. Please be mindful of the weather conditions on the day and dress appropriately.
- Students will be encouraged to use rest rooms prior to entering the exam locations, and between sections of the exam. This will minimise any disruption to other students during the GAT Examination period.
- Lockers will not be accessible, so students are required to leave any personal items at home.
- Students can access their table numbers prior to sitting the GAT via the following link: <https://sites.google.com/cmc.vic.edu.au/cmcvcceexams/home/gat>
- All students are required to remain in the examination room for the entire exam period. Once the students have been given permission to leave by the Exam Supervisors, all students are to leave the College grounds immediately.
- All relevant information from VCAA regarding the GAT is available via the following link: [Pages - General Achievement Test \(GAT\) \(vcaa.vic.edu.au\)](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages-General-Achievement-Test-(GAT)-(vcaa.vic.edu.au)).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College by phoning 5445 9100.

Yours sincerely

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