



2023 Mid-Year Examination Period and General Achievement Test

Tuesday 13 June - Friday 16 June

The mid-year school-based exam period and the General Achievement Test (GAT) will take place during Week 8 of Term 2 and will affect all students at the St Mary's campus.

School-based internal exams provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and practice skills that prepare them for the structure of Unit 3 & 4 exams, whilst the GAT is an essential assessment for the majority of our Year 11 and 12 students.

YEAR 10 AND 11 INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

Our Year 10 & 11 Semester 1 exams will take place on Tuesday 13 June, Wednesday 14 June and Friday 16 June. Please note Monday 12 June is a Public Holiday and Thursday 15 June is the General Achievement Test.

Students should note the following key points for the exam period:

- Students must bring their student ID Cards to all sessions.
- Students will complete their exams in 'lines', similar to their regular timetable. They will receive an individual exam timetable from the St Mary's Timetabler - Mrs Benita Arnott.
- When students do not have a scheduled exam or class, they are permitted to study and prepare at the College in our library, or a designated study space or at home. Students are not permitted to go down the street for recreational purposes during school hours, and should be using this time to prepare for their exams and to consolidate their learning.
- Year 10 students and Year 11 students not needing to complete the General Achievement Test will have a study day from home on Thursday 15 June.
- On Friday 16 June, students are permitted to leave school after their final exam or class of the day.

EXAMINATION EXPECTATIONS AND CONDUCT

Students are required to wear their full College winter uniform for their exams, including the GAT. Students who are not in correct uniform need to obtain a uniform pass by

attending the General Office prior to their exam with a note from their parent/carer.

Students will complete their exams in 'lines', meaning not all students will complete their exams at the same time as there are some subjects with multiple classes across various lines. Students who are found to share, plagiarise or in any way compromise the exam process will be in breach of our Student Code of Conduct. As such, these breaches will be followed up at the College, with a likely outcome being students receiving a zero for the exam along with further disciplinary action.

GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (GAT)

The GAT will take place on Thursday 15 June for students studying at least one VCE Unit 3 & 4 subject or scored VCE-VET Unit 3 & 4 subject (and sitting end-of-year exams) or students studying a senior-level VCAL/VCE-VM subject.

There will be no other classes or exams taking place on this date and Year 10 & 11 students who are not required to sit the GAT are expected to study at home.

Students should note the following key points for the GAT:

- Students sitting the GAT should aim to be onsite at St Mary's at 8.30am. Part A of the exam commences at 9.00am and concludes at 11.15am. Part B of the exam commences at 1.15pm and concludes at 3.00pm.
- On the day of an exam or GAT, if a student is unable to complete the exam due to illness, or has an emergency, **it is essential that the College is contacted between 8.00am and 9.00am 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.
- Students will be encouraged to use restrooms prior to entering the exam locations, and between GAT exam sessions. This will minimise any disruption to other students during the exam period.
- Lockers will not be accessible, so students are required to leave any personal items at home.
- All students are required to remain in the exam 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 the VCAA regarding the GAT is available via the following link: Pages - General Achievement Test (GAT) (vcaa.vic.edu.au)

PERSONAL DIGITAL DEVICES

Students are not allowed to bring items such as mobile phones, iPods or smart watches into their exam rooms. All exam rooms will have a clock visible to students. Any students seen with a personal digital device will be asked to leave the exam room and report to their Year Level Leaders.

VET CLASSES

Most VET classes are **cancelled** for this week along with Year 10 and 11 classes. The only VET classes that will run this week are VCE-VET subjects, which will run according to the students alternate exam and class timetable for this week. These subjects are:

- Units 1 & 3 Sport and Recreation
- Units 1 & 3 Allied Health
- Units 1 & 3 Kitchen Operations

YEAR 11 VCE-VOCATIONAL MAJOR STUDENTS

Year 11 VCE-VM students will have an alternative program for the week. This program is focussed on short courses and will see students gain competency in a range of skills. Students will meet in **AVG2** at **9.00am** each day.

Tuesday 13 June - Bendigo Tafe Visit:

Students will be at Bendigo Tafe for the whole day. Transport between the St Mary's campus and TAFE is arranged. Students should arrive at and depart from St Mary's as normal. Students can purchase their lunch from the Kitchen at TAFE.

Wednesday 14 June - Industry Visit:

Students will engage with a local industry - we have contact with an exciting opportunity but are finalising arrangements. This will be announced once confirmed.

Thursday 15 June - Barista Training:

Students will participate in a barista training session at the St Mary's campus. Please note, most students in this group are not required to sit the GAT this year. There are a handful of students who are completing a scored VCE-VET Unit 3 & 4 sequence amongst this cohort. These students have the option of completing the GAT, and should discuss this with Ms Halstead if unsure.

Friday 16 June - CMC High Tea:

Students will work onsite at the St Mary's campus with our qualified food and hospitality teachers and staff to prepare a multi-course meal.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

All Year 12 students (VCE and VCAL) will attend normal classes during the school-based exam period, excluding the day of the GAT (Thursday 15 June). Classes will run on a

modified timetable to align with the internal exam times. Students will be advised of this timetable closer to the exam period, and it will be made available on SIMON for students to view.

CANTEEN

Canteen facilities will be available as normal for student access between exam sessions and classes. On the day of the GAT (Thursday 15 June), the canteen will be available between sessions. Students will be able to congregate for lunch in designated areas only.

BUSES

Bus services to St Mary's will continue as normal throughout the week.

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