

Dear Year 12 Parents & Caregivers

**RE: Provisional Results and External Examinations**

This term your child will commence their summative internal assessment towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) / ATAR and Non-ATAR Pathways.

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) recognises the importance of the implementation of both internal (school) quality assurance processes and external statewide “Confirmation” quality assurance processes. These processes allow for judgement of student assessment responses using Instrument Specific Marking Guides (ISMGs) and the matching of student assessment responses to relevant Syllabus Reporting Standards.

As per QCAA’s recommendation, Shalom College has established internal quality assurance processes for awarding of “Provisional” results for each General subject. This process involves steps to ensure that the internal (school) judgement being made of student assessment responses aligns to Syllabus standards. A variety of internal quality assurance methods are employed at the College as recommended by QCAA.

The “Provisional” marks are then reported to the QCAA for an external statewide “Confirmation” event in April and September. QCAA assessors examine the comparability of the judgements made by each school throughout the State. The validity and reliability of this “Confirmation” process ensures the highest quality assurance standards are evident.

Therefore, the submitted “Provisional” marks may be adjusted at “Confirmation” to reflect comparability across all schools in Queensland and results for each General and Applied subject will then be communicated to schools by the QCAA.

For this reason, the results awarded to students for internal assessments will be known as their “provisional result” until after confirmation has taken place. Students will be informed when results for tasks have been confirmed. This information will also be available to them via their Student Portal account.

Furthermore, as part of the new system students studying a General subject will sit an External Assessment (EA) Examination provided by QCAA. This EA block will occur in Term 4 (26 October – 17 November). The timetable for this is due to be released by QCAA sometime this term.

As a school, we have allocated specific time for students to prepare for these examinations by completing a ‘mock exam’ block. This will allow the students practice at this style of assessment, allow time for meaningful feedback from teachers, and give time for further preparation to occur.

Term 3, Week 10	Mock Exam Block
Term 4, Week 1	Mock Exam Block
Term 4, Week 2	Teacher feedback on Mock Exams, further preparation for EA
Term 4, Week 3	Further preparation for EA
Term 4, Week 4-7	External Assessment Block

We look forward to working with you in supporting your Year 12 student throughout 2020.

Regards

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