

Your weekly snapshot of Gorokan High School

Term 3 Week 1



- Thank you to the Gorokan High School community for your ongoing support of our students as we transitioned to Home Based Learning this week. In response to Wednesday’s announcement by the NSW Premier that the current lockdown would remain in place until at least 30/07/21, there have been some planned events for this term that have been impacted.
- GHS Trial HSC Examinations will now take place during weeks 5 and 6. That is Monday 9/8/21 through to Friday 20/8/21. We are still awaiting advice on Drama and Music due to the proximity to HSC Performance assessment. Further information will be provided to students of these courses by their teacher in the coming week. A Trial HSC timetables is currently being developed for distribution to students in the coming week.
- Advice to students from all year groups regarding scheduled assessments will be provided by faculties and teachers after they have assessed the viability of online completion and submission.
- We are assessing and seeking advice on a number of excursions and trips due to depart mid-term. Further advice will be provided through student, parent and carer emails on whether events are being cancelled or postponed. We appreciate that funds have been paid by families and will communicate reimbursement options where possible once we have confirmed details.
- Thank you to all staff and students for complying with the mandated mask wearing requirements. It is encouraging that we as a community can rely on each other.

Home Based Learning

Student continuity of learning remains a priority:

- We have devices available to be loaned out for student use immediately. Please contact the school front office between 8am and 3pm on 4393 7000 to organise pick up.
- We have a limited number of WIFI dongles to provide internet access to those who require it. They also are available immediately and we will attempt to source more if required. Please contact the front office.
- Access codes to Google Classrooms and Microsoft Teams are available on Year Group Google Classrooms to which all students have access. These will be emailed to parents and carers.
- Student workbooks are also available for those who need them.

Student Wellbeing:

- Our Wellbeing Team is providing a broad range of supports for students, from phone call check-ins, to Year Group virtual meetings as well as counselling and agency referral services for students as well as parents and carers. Please access this at your point of need by contacting the front office.



Student Attendance and Engagement:

- Our teaching staff and Wellbeing Team will be monitoring student engagement in online learning or workbook completion as a means of targeting support. If a student is unwell and can not participate in learning that day, please follow the usual absentee process and notify the front office.

Flexible Learning Timetable:

- Our online learning does not follow the student timetable and provides students and families the room to move between subjects. Previous experience has taught us that not all households can operate a fully timetabled school day, and we do not want to introduce extra stress. The exception to that is a weekly (Year 7-10) or twice weekly (Year 11-12) online check in or lesson scheduled by teachers for each subject.
- Further Department of Education advice and support can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

We look forward to transitioning back to face to face learning when Health advice permits it. In the meantime, please prioritise wellbeing and connect with learning in the way that works for you and your family.

Matthew Boake
Principal

Fact sheet:

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How we are supporting our Gorokan School Community

Technology

- ✓ All students are involved in **Home Based Online Learning**.
- ✓ The link below will take families to their subject, classroom teacher platform and access code to connect with teachers. **CLICK HERE**.
- ✓ Students need to check their school email on a regular basis.
- ✓ **Forgotten school email address?** You can find your email address on Sentral.
- ✓ Devices and WIFI dongles are available.
- ✓ Trouble with technology? **Please call GHS on 4393 7000**

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Curriculum

- ✓ Students are NOT required to work to their school timetable however they are required to complete all set tasks to the best of their ability. Some teachers may send through a Zoom or Teams link to their classes to organise a virtual chat/video link up.
- ✓ Student workbooks are available at the front office.

Support

- ✓ Students are able to contact their Year Advisor through their Year Group Google Classroom link. Students are able to ask questions, get involved with year group activities, connect with our GHS Student Support Officer and stay connected with each other.
- ✓ The **Ask for Help** link on the Gorokan High School website. Students/families will receive a response within 48 hours.
- ✓ The school counsellor will be available each day. Students and families are able to send an email to request support. **gorokan-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au**

Attendance

- ✓ Online engagement or working from home booklets will inform GHS of student's attendance. Please contact GHS if your student is unwell and unable to complete school work.

If in doubt or have any questions, please contact GHS by email gorokan-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or call on 4393 7000

