



ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies

A message from the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies for students and parents/carers

The ACT Senior Secondary Certificate to be awarded in 2020

2020 has presented new and complex challenges for students, their families and school communities.

ACT schools are expert in the application of academic and health and well-being measures that are responsive to student experiences of illness or misadventure. The ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies policies and procedures are designed to enable schools to be open and adaptable to the needs of their students. The policies and procedures of the Board as implemented by schools are designed to provide support and equity.

The ACT Senior Secondary Certificate will be awarded to all year 12 students who meet requirements in 2020.

The Board is in regular contact with each school sector, the ACT Government, all other state curriculum authorities, and most importantly schools where explicit advice and guidance is being provided. We are committed to providing ongoing, timely and targeted guidance to all schools for the benefit of all students as they face the challenges of 2020. The Board continues to provide advice to Principals and schools to support the delivery of assessment. Schools will consult with students and inform them of any changes in a timely and supportive way.

Tertiary Entrance Statements will be awarded to eligible students in 2020. For ACT students the ATAR is determined in conjunction with the University Admissions Centre and NSW. If standard processes take place, the Tertiary Entrance Statement will include an ATAR. Intensive research and review process are underway to develop contingencies that if required will ensure there will be no disadvantage to ACT students relative to students in other states.

We have a senior secondary system that is second to none. It will meet the challenges before it on behalf of all students and the wider Canberra community. I encourage all students to remain committed and engaged with all learning opportunities and their assessments. Despite the challenges posed by this year's events the Board and I will support Students to have the right of passage, to their lives beyond the years of school education.

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Chair

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