Stage 6 Information Evening

2016
Saint Brigid’s Prayer

Brigid, you were a woman of peace,
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light into the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious
And may your peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and with reverence for all God has made.
Saint Brigid’s Prayer

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen
Tonight’s Program

• Brigidine College’s Assessment Procedures
  • Mr. Anthony Morgan
• The Higher School Certificate and The Board of Studies
  • Mr. Anthony Morgan
• Careers and Post School Options
  • Ms Jennifer Nicolas
• Pastoral Issues and the Year Ahead
  • Mrs Jennifer Kehati
What is the HSC?

• According to BOSTES
  • “Achieving the HSC is different to getting a driver’s license or an ATAR. A student does not receive a simple ‘pass’ or ‘fail’, nor do they get a single rank or mark for all courses. The HSC results are a detailed package showing each student the level of knowledge and skills that they achieved in each course.”
HSC Documentation
How The HSC Works?
What is HSC Assessment?

• Students will complete school-based assessments as part of their HSC, which together contribute 50% of their final HSC mark for a course (except VET courses).

• Assessment tasks allow students to show what they know, understand and can do in ways that may not be possible in a written examination.

• Tasks may include tests, written assignments, practical activities, fieldwork and projects.

• Tasks are weighted in line with syllabus direction.
What is Moderation of Marks?

• Once the assessment program for a course is complete, the school submits total assessment marks for their students.

• The assessment marks are moderated according to the same group’s examination performance. This process maintains both the rank order of students within the school group and the relative gaps between them.
What is Moderation of Marks?

• The mean of the school group’s assessments is adjusted to equal to the mean of the examination marks obtained by the students in that group.
• The top assessment mark is adjusted to equal to the highest examination mark obtained by any student in the group.
• Where possible, the bottom moderated assessment is equal to the lowest examination mark obtained by any student in the group. However, this is not possible when the distributions of the school assessments and the examination marks have very different shapes. In such cases the bottom moderated assessment mark may need to be moved up or down.
What is Moderation of Marks?

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Course Completion Criteria

- Students must satisfy the following Board of Studies course completion criteria:
  - followed the course developed or endorsed by the Board of Studies
  - applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school
  - achieved some or all of the course outcomes
What is “Diligence and Sustained Effort”

- actively listen to, and be involved in classroom discussion
- actively take notes during class
- follow teacher instructions in class
- complete class work, class essays and class homework
- complete assessment tasks and meet all assessment requirements
- attend school regularly and be on time for lessons
- perform at an adequate level in tasks dependent on the individual student’s ability
Brigidine Processes

• If you are sick on the day of an assessment
  • Ring the school
  • Obtain a doctor’s certificate
  • Complete an Illness/Misadventure form on the morning of the first day you return to school
  • Speak with your teacher or coordinator to arrange a time to complete the assessment
Brigidine Processes

- If you know ahead of time that you will be absent on the day of an assessment
  - Apply for leave in writing from the Principal
  - Inform the Curriculum Coordinator and KLA Coordinator that you have been given leave
  - Arrange an alternate date to complete the assessment
Brigidine Processes

• If you require an extension
  • Obtain a Request for Extension Form from the Curriculum Coordinator and submit it to the KLA Coordinator well in advance of the due date for the assessment

• If you feel you would like to appeal a school based assessment
  • Obtain an Assessment Request for Review Form from the Curriculum Coordinator
What is the ATAR?

• The HSC results are used by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) to calculate a rank order of students known as the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

• The ATAR is not a mark, nor is it a summary of the HSC. It is a ranking system used to allocate university placements.

• The UAC calculates the university admission ranks each year using moderated assessment marks and total exam marks.

• Students who do not wish to gain entry to university do not need to request an ATAR.
Illness / Disadvantage / Provisions

- Illness / Misadventure Appeals
  - School Based Assessment and HSC
- Special Provisions
  - School Based Assessment and HSC
- Educational Access Scheme
  - University Admissions
Where Can I Find Out About This Stuff?

- Your first stop should be the Board of Studies Teaching & Educational Standards (BOSTES)
- Your next stop should be the Universities Admission Centre (UAC)
- Then back to the Board of Studies Teaching & Educational Standards (BOSTES) to visit Students Online
What is a Successful School?

- HSC Results (Band 6 Candidates)?
- Newspaper Rankings of Results?
- High ATARs and University, and Other Post School Pathways?
- High NAPLAN Results?
- Content and Caring Students, Parents (and Teachers)?
- Recognising and Catering for the Individual Needs of Students?
- Multiple Courses Offered For All Levels of Students?
- Balance of Curricula and Extra Curricula Activities?
- Involvement With The Community?
HANG IN THERE KITTY
OR ELSE

Hang in there!

Hang in there.