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Reddam House High School Newsletter Volume 21 Issue 28

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Year 12 and Year 11 students received feedback this week following the completion of their Trial HSC Examinations and Final Examinations respectively. The "Reddam roadmap" for the year 12 students was shared with them and their parents following announcements that the HSC would go ahead with a full set of examinations, written at school, but delayed by a month. The Year 11 students will start their HSC courses immediately following their feedback. One hopes that the HSC Class of 2022 has a better experience of all the Year 12 specific events during their final year of school than the current cohort.

Today in the assembly I revealed what Term 4 would look like for Year 7 - Year 10. We are aware of the screen fatigue and feelings of isolation that accompany online learning and are making certain adaptations to assist students to manage their workload and wellbeing.

### Year 7 - Year 9:

- Will not have weekly Cycle Tests and will start school at 10:00 am on a Friday
- Once a week each Year Group will end their school day at lunchtime. The final two lessons of the day will be free for each individual to use as needed.
- Examinations will be held but will be spread over three weeks. Students will write exams on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 9:00 am and will continue with the normal school timetable on their completion each day.

### Year 10:

- Will write Cycle Tests and Examinations as per usual but these will be open-book examinations.
- Once a week they too will end their school day at lunchtime. The final two lessons of the day will be free for each individual to use as needed.

We certainly hope that together with the reduction from 53min lessons to 45 min lessons, which has been in

place this term, that these changes will help students feel more on top of their workload and increase their sense of wellbeing.

We look forward to welcoming students back to face-to-face learning on 8th November for Years 7-10. Year 11 students return a week earlier and Year 12 students will be allowed back fully from 25th October.



Many parents have requested whether Reddam can source Pfizer vaccinations for our eligible students and I am pleased to announce that we have. Dr. Harry Hirschowitz, the husband of our Primary School Hebrew teacher, has blocked out times specifically for Reddam Students and teachers to get vaccinated on 19th and 26th September at his practice: 248 Bondi Road Bondi, NSW 2026. Please be aware that because of the way the system is set up, there are 'booking blocks' of 6 people at a time. If a booking block is full, please try the next one and so on. There are plenty of time slots for all who would like to get this done.

The consent form which is attached to the email sent to all parents needs to be completed before arrival to streamline the process and reduce time spent in the waiting room.

[BOOK HERE](#) (Event code: wmep8)

Our gratitude to both Ester and Harry Hirschowitz for making this opportunity available to our community.

Mrs. Karney is thrilled to announce that Lola Joy in Year 8 was selected to move through to the next stage of The Legacy Public Speaking Competition. This year it was an online submission and the judges were very impressed with Lola's speech on "Hostile Architecture."



Evie Zavos was the other entrant from Reddam and while the judges were also very impressed with her speech, the competition in their particular round was particularly tough. Congratulations to both Evie and Lola.

Throughout our student's time in High School, it is usual for them to ponder on the best universities in their chosen field. Without the right guidance, the process is fraught with difficulties. Claudia Jones, our resident specialist, and careers guidance counsellor, is well-positioned to assist our HSC students in honing in on local universities of interest. Annually she also organises for someone to represent American Universities. For those looking further afield, our Inspired connection has opened up opportunities for students who are interested in reputable colleges.

Despite fierce competition at the world's best universities, one in three Inspired students continues their education at world-renowned Russell Group and Ivy League schools. Later in this newsletter, you will find two leaflets for new partnerships with Arete Educational Consulting and The Classroom Door. Both provide university support and guidance to students, helping them to gain access to the university of their choice. Inspired has negotiated a special discount for those who require this consultancy service.



There are many activities that could be fun in which students might like to get involved in the holidays. The CASE Space Academy is a fun way for young students to build enthusiasm about STEM. Perfect for Years 5 to 8, students will explore Mars in depth with loads of hands-on STEM activities, led live online by knowledgeable, skilled and enthusiastic tutors. With content supported by NASA experts, students can meet a NASA engineer in a live webinar and will take a live virtual tour of a real NASA facility!

[www.casespaceacademy.com.au](http://www.casespaceacademy.com.au)



Registrations for this Term 3 break holiday programs close Sun 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Have a wonderful weekend and last week of Term 3. Next week school will close at 1:00 pm on Friday and school reports will be posted to Parent Lounge in the first week of the holiday.

**Dave Pitcairn**

# Online Gaming



The world of online gaming has taken over so many young people's lives. Lockdown has made computers ubiquitous throughout Aussie homes and parents are juggling online learning with online gaming, often not able to tell the difference when they themselves are working and homeschooling.

In recent years online gaming has been maligned but there is a fair amount of information about the social and cognitive benefits of games. Reddam House's partnership with Family Zone provides our community with support information to assist parents to understand the benefits and drawbacks of online gaming, allocating screen time and the need to determine the age appropriate content of games.

Read more about this at [The Parent Guide to Online Gaming](#).

Our [CyberSafetyHub](#) has guides for all areas of concern while being in cyberspace; from App specific issues to bullying to managing your sensitive information, this is a resource that is bound to help a lot of families.

To [find out more](#) about Family Zone and get started with protecting your family go to the [Reddam House Cyber Safety Hub](#)



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<https://app.theclassroomdoor.com/inspired/sign-up>



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- Our services are comprehensive and support all academic subjects and test prep from K-Grad School

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# CAREERS NEWS

## YEAR 12:

I am continuing to send you emails directly regarding necessary and informative details regarding application and the like. Please read these.

## YEAR 12:

A reminder that all applications for EAS or anything else are due to me by 10 September 2021. Therefore these are now **OVERDUE**.

## YEAR 12 DOING THE LAT FOR UNSW LAW:

I am proposing to have a practice session on Monday 27/9 at 10am via google meet. Please let me know ASAP if you wish to attend. Ms Jones

## YEAR 11 & 10:

You have been sent forwarded emails from me regarding study and applications for the USA. If interested please take note of these and any webinars.



## YEAR 12:

### SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE CHANGES FOR 2021

The Southern Cross STAR Early Offer program enables Year 12 students to gain an early offer on the basis of your recommendation. The aim is to match individual students to a particular course based on their demonstrated level of academic achievement and their likelihood of success in their chosen discipline.

Previous timeframes for student applications to the STAR program have been extended to accommodate the changed circumstances. Specifically:

Applications will now stay open until **30 September 2021**

Recommendations by Principals will now close on **13**

## October 2021

STAR offers will then commence from **9 November 2021**

## YEAR 12: LATEST UAC NEWS

Admissions 2022 date changes

On Friday 10 September a revised timetable for HSC examinations and results was released. As a consequence, the following UAC dates will change:

ATARs for NSW HSC students will now be released at 9am on **Thursday 20 January 2022**.

ATARs for ACT Year 12 students will now be released at 9am on **Thursday 20 January 2022**.

January Round 2 will now be the first ATAR-based offer round. The deadline for changing preferences for January Round 2 will be midnight on **Friday 21 January 2022**.

January Round 2 offers will be released at 7.30am on Wednesday 26 January 2022.

Changes to other UAC dates will be confirmed as soon as possible, as will the arrangements for ACT ATARs.

Information for NSW and ACT students applying interstate, and interstate students applying to NSW and ACT universities, will also follow.

## Educational Access Schemes

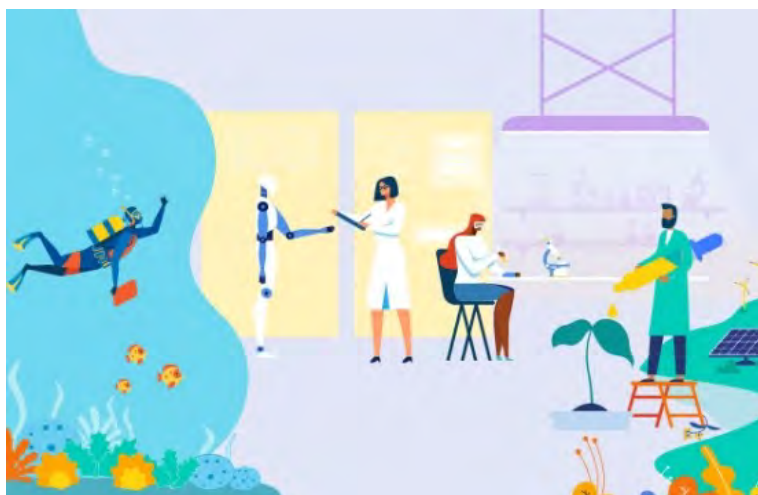
EAS application and document deadline for January Round 2 will be midnight Friday 17 December 2021.

EAS eligibility letters will be released progressively from Friday 21 January 2022 to all applicants with finalised assessment for January Round 2.

Stay up to date with the latest information:

NSW Education Standards Authority updates about measures they are taking for Year 11 and 12 students.

ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies COVID-19 updates.



## UAC COVID-19 update

### Early bird closing

Early bird applications close at midnight on Thursday 30 September, after which UAC's processing charge increases.

If your students aren't sure about what they want to study, they can submit an application to any course and change their preferences as many times as they like, for free. Year 12 applicants can also 'commit to pay' using BPAY or Post Billpay. Payment must be made, however, in order to have their application assessed and receive an offer.

FAQs about applying for uni



### Early offer schemes

While the ATAR is still the main selection tool used by most unis, there are other ways for students to show that they're ready to succeed at tertiary study.

Many institutions have early offer schemes for Year 12 students. Through these schemes the institutions will assess students using criteria other than (or in addition to) their ATAR.

The closing date for UAC's Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) is this Sunday 19 September and the first offers will be released on Friday 12 November. We've created a three-minute video guide on how to apply for SRS.

### Early offer schemes

Extension of EAS to include additional COVID-19 payments.

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) will be extend-

ed to include applicants in Year 12 whose parent/s and/or guardian/s have received the COVID-19 Disaster Payment, JobSaver payments or Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment (to care for a COVID-19 positive person) for a period of 3 months or more.

We encourage applicants to apply and upload documents to support these additional disadvantages under the category of Financial hardship, code FO1K. The wording in the application will be updated shortly.

### Documents required

University selection rank adjustments

Many applicants receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR below the published lowest selection rank. Often this is because other factors have been taken into consideration in combination with their ATAR and their selection rank for that course has been adjusted (and is higher than their ATAR).

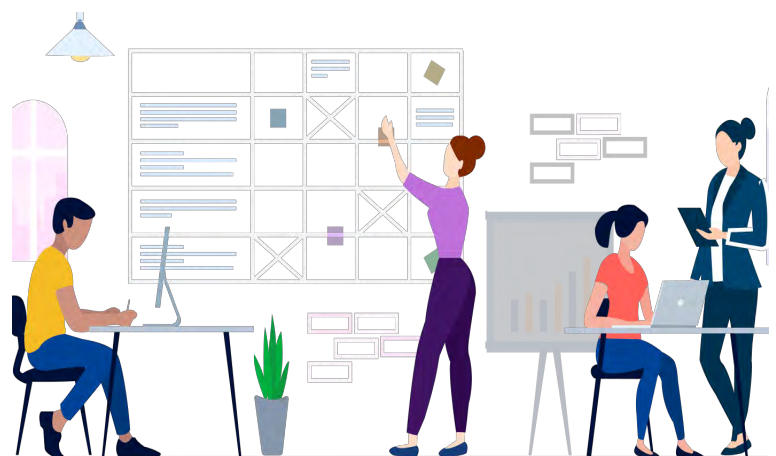
Selection rank adjustments are applied differently from institution to institution and from course to course within the same institution, so we've put together quick links to each institution's website with information on how each might apply adjustments to an applicant's selection rank.

### Quick links to institution websites

UAC PIN reminder

All 2021 NSW HSC and ACT Year 12 applicants have had their UAC PIN emailed to them. For students who have not yet applied through UAC, we'll be sending a PIN reminder email on Thursday 23 September.

If students are having problems logging in to the UAC application, the quickest and easiest way for them to get help is to call UAC Customer Service on (02) 9752 0200, 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. We don't reply to email requests for login details as we need to identify the sender before giving out this information.



# 3 GOOD THINGS



1 Each night before you go to bed think about three good things you have achieved in your day



2 These things can be as big or as small as you like (Seeing a friend, completing a task)



3 Make sure you are noting these things down in a notepad or on your computer or phone



4 For each thing you wrote down identify why it happened and why it made you feel good



5 After each week look back at your diary and just take a moment to notice how it makes you feel



6 Make it into a regular habit and part of your routine





# COAL MINES

FROM THE ENVIRO PORTFOLIO

## RELEVANT NEWS:

Sussan Ley (the Federal Environment Minister) has approved her first coal mine since the court ruled that she has a duty of care to Australian children to protect us from the impacts of climate change. The mine in the Illawarra was initially rejected because of concerns about contamination to the Sydney water supply. **Sussan herself has publicly vowed to speed through fossil fuel developments before the public gains full awareness**

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- reduce your electricity bill, eg turning off lights.
- switch to solar energy or another renewable source.
- start a conversation and spread the word about your opinion on the recent coal mine approval.

## GOOD NEWS:

<https://www.smh.com.au/environment/climate-change/walk-away-by-long-coal-mine-appeal-rejected-20210914-p58rfu.html>





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# YOUTH SUMMIT

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**LAST WEEK TO ENTER**



**YEAR 7-12**

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**- 2021 -**

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LAST DAY TO ENTER

# PCEM Write a poem FOREST Plant a tree

## *Middle School English*

*Write a poem and plant a tree!*

With lockdown creating a little more time for reflection students are urged to consider the competition organised by Red Room Poetry.

The following link will offer students more information about this competition, learning resources and an entry form.

If students are in Year 7 or Year 8 their planning, research editing and indeed their final poem can also be included in their IIC Journal.

<https://redroompoetry.org/projects/poem-forest/>



# Art in Paradise 2022!

## Hamilton Island Art Retreat

8th April – 12th April 2022

Limited Places Available

Hamilton Island Art Retreat is an exclusive Art Retreat which is open to Elective Art students or students who are passionate about art who may not currently study art as an elective subject. Hamilton Island is one of the most magnificent destinations in Australia and Reddam House students are fortunate to be able to have the opportunity to work with the artist in residence and attend a private art lesson in the studio space on the island. The students will be involved in a range of workshops daily at different vantage points around the island such as drawing, watercolour, environmental sculptural and photography. This is an unparalleled experience to be able to create artworks in such a tropical and lush environment. Students will receive their own extensive art kit, full of materials for the trip. Students will stay in beautiful accommodation with full access to the beach and water sports.

**This is a must do experience for all artists!**

For more information, Itinerary and to Sign-up for an experience of a lifetime.  
 contact: [laurellen.symonds@reddamhouse.com.au](mailto:laurellen.symonds@reddamhouse.com.au)

## FRI 8 - SAT 9 APRIL 2022 - Days 1 & 2

- Depart Sydney on the morning of Friday 3rd April and fly to Hamilton Island.
- Arrival Transfer: Airport - Reef View Hotel
- 'Art in Motion' - workshop: photography and sketching on location around the island.
- 'Tropical Discovery' - drawing workshop at marina
- 'Island Lines' drawing and collage workshop
- Workshop with artist in residence at the Hamilton Island Art Gallery
- Options for watersports and swimming during leisure times.

## SUN 10 - TUES 12 APRIL 2022 - Days 3 - 5

- 'Framing the landscape' - photography workshop
- 'Micro and Macro' - mixed media workshop
- Passage Peak sunrise - mountain hike and photography session
- 'Environmental eco art' - sculptural workshop
- 'Marine and Architectural Explorations' - watercolour workshop
- Options for watersports and swimming during leisure time
- Depart Hamilton Island on the afternoon of Tuesday 7th April and arrive Sydney Kingsford Smith airport.

### INCLUSIONS

- Airfare: Sydney/Hamilton Island return.
- Accommodation: 4 nights at 4-star Reef View Hotel. Multi-share rooms. All rooms with private facilities.
- Meals: Breakfast and dinner daily.
- 9 artmaking workshops and studio session at Hamilton Island gallery.
- Transfers: all transfers from airport and around Island.
- Art Kit bag containing all artmaking materials

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BUDGET FOR (NOT INCLUDED):

- Lunches, drinks and snacks as required outside inclusions.
- Spending money for small general purchases and souvenirs.

**TOTAL COST: \$1985.00**

**REGISTER BY:** by completing the registration form and completing payment

For registration form further details please email: [laurellen.symonds@reddamhouse.com.au](mailto:laurellen.symonds@reddamhouse.com.au)

