



HIGHVIEW COLLEGE YEAR 12 NON-EXAM PATHWAY POLICY

Responsible – Executive OPERATIONAL

(Ratified every three years)

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Rationale

Completing an exam/external assessment pathway is not necessary or appropriate for all students.

Implementation

- Students seeking a non-exam pathway will meet with the Careers Counsellor and the Director of Professional Practice to discuss
- Students will need to continue to meet normal class attendance requirements, and to undertake and demonstrate satisfactory achievement of the Unit Outcomes
- Until a formal withdrawal from exams is approved and processed, normal school based and external assessment expectations continue to apply
- Once withdrawal from external exams is approved and processed, the possibility of individualised alternative pathways can be discussed and implemented for Term 4
- The Director of Professional Practice will discuss with the parents/guardians the possibility of the student not undertaking the external exams. (Parents/Guardians of students who have required learning support or have had an Individual Learning plan in Years 7-10, will already have discussed the possibility of a non-exam pathway with the Head of Learning Support prior to the student's commencement of their VCE)
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to consult the Career's Advisor to discuss and clarify future pathway considerations
- An agreement is detailed and verifies the following support:
 - VCAA requirements to obtain VCE Certification
 - Withdrawal from scored assessments with a focus on achieving "S" results for each VCE/VET study/course
 - Close collaboration with relevant teachers to assist with the achievement of "S" results
 - Close collaboration with the Career's Advisor, the Head of Senior School and/or the Director of Professional Practice to facilitate the possibility of alternate activities during Term 4, once 'S' results have been achieved

- The school year for students in this pathway will either conclude on the evening of the Graduation Dinner, prior to the commencement of VCAA external examinations, or an alternative Program will be agreed
- A copy of the signed agreement is kept in the student's file
- All applications must be submitted by the last day of Term 2