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Dear Parent/Guardian/Caregiver

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF 2021 YEAR 12 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ATAR COURSES

We have recently communicated with School Principals and provided a letter to all Year 12 students advising of arrangements as students complete their final assessments and prepare for the upcoming examinations.

Your support throughout this challenging time will be vital as students manage their time to submit required assessments, undertake study and revision, and prepare for examinations.

We are aware that some students may have already received early offers into University based on Year 11 results. Although these offers may provide a sense of security, completing all ATAR course work and full engagement in examinations is of the utmost importance in order for students to achieve the very best result possible for the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA).

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority has published the *2021 Year 12 Information Handbook* on its website which contains useful information should you have any questions as you support your Year 12 student over the coming months.

If you feel that extra support may be needed, we encourage you to speak with the teachers and the student services staff at your school who will be able to provide you with advice and guidance.

In addition, we have established an ATAR Examinations COVID-19 advice line – 9273 6708 which will be available from 22 September 2021.

All Year 12 ATAR students have been requested to provide a 'best contact' mobile number in the student portal. Should we need to contact students urgently via SMS during the examination period, we will contact them on this mobile number. A test message will be sent out prior to the examination period commencing. Please encourage your son/daughter to log in to the portal and update the mobile number field.

Please be assured that we continue to plan and act with the best interests of students in mind and I thank you for supporting your child to engage with their Year 12 studies in the best way they can.

Yours sincerely

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CHAIR
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