



Friday 23 July

Dear parents and carers,

This update will be brief but it is important I share information with you about the upcoming General Achievement Test (GAT) for all students completing a scored Unit 3/4 subject. I have also included a reminder about how to access the recent Pathways Presentations for our current Year 8 and 11 students, which were held on Wednesday evening.

### **General Achievement Test (GAT)**

**The GAT has been rescheduled to Thursday 12 August 2021.**

The rescheduling of the GAT will allow us time to organise logistics and put COVIDSafe protocols in place, so that students and staff can return onsite to participate safely.

It's important that as many students as possible sit the GAT. The new date will allow students across the state who may be impacted by school closures, quarantine and the need to self-isolate to participate in the test.

Further advice about specific arrangements will be made available closer to the rescheduled date.

### **Pathways Information Evenings**

Our presentations for Years 8 and 11 students on pathways at Castlemaine Secondary College were conducted on Wednesday 21 July at 6pm. For those of you unable to make it a recording of these presentation is available on our website. Click [here](#) to access the presentations and our 2022 Course Selection Handbook. A reminder also to ensure you book a Pathways Interview with a member of Leadership, which will now be conducted over the phone for Monday and Tuesday next week. Bookings can be made through Xuno.

As always, I also encourage you to maintain contact teachers via email or XUNO messaging. If you can't make contact with a teacher, or if you're not sure who you should speak to regarding an inquiry, then please contact Reception via telephone (5479 1111) or email ([castlemaine.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:castlemaine.sc@education.vic.gov.au)).

My next update to parents and carers will be on **Monday 26 July**.

Stay home, stay safe and I look forward to welcoming all students back on-site.

Regards,

Simon Wood  
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