

## STUDENT GRADE POINT AVERAGES AND REPORTS

Dear Parents and Homestay Providers,

Please find attached a copy of your student's 2017 GPAs to date, and their end of Semester One set of reports. The College publishes semester reports for students in Years 10 and 11 in June and December. Year 12 students receive a middle of year report and an end of year reference.

All subjects at Year 10 are assessed using the Victorian Curriculum standards. However, students will also be awarded an S or N for the subject according to whether they have satisfactorily completed prescribed assessment tasks and met the requirements of the College Attendance Policy. The Victorian Curriculum ratings are identified by the following:

**A:** 12 months or more above the expected standard.

**B:** Between 6 months and 12 months above the expected standard.

**C:** At the expected standard.

**D:** Up to 18 months below the expected standard.

**E:** More than 18 months below the expected standard.

Assessment tasks at Year 10 and 11 and School Assessed Course Work at Year 12 are graded by the following scale:

**VH:** 85 to 100 (VERY HIGH)

**H:** 75 to 84 (HIGH)

**M:** 61 to 74 (MEDIUM)

**L:** 53 to 60 (LOW)

**VL:** 45 to 52 (VERY LOW)

**NS:** 0 to 44 (NOT SATISFACTORY: insufficient knowledge of the task has been demonstrated; redemption task or additional work required).

**NA:** Student work has not been submitted for assessment.

**S\*:** Assessment task has been modified.

To support students and their learning, the College also has in place regular progress reports. These are published middle of term and end of term, and are available online via COMPASS. The GPA (Grade Point Average) provides students and their parents with a snapshot of student learning at strategic points in the term. Each subject is scored out of 4 and students are expected to maintain an average of 2. The GPA is scored using a rubric for the assessment of 'Learning behaviours', 'Classwork', 'Homework', and 'Quality of work'. **A copy of the rubric is attached for your information.**

At Box Hill Senior Secondary College, education is delivered by our dedicated and professional teaching staff. They support students to achieve academically, and help them grow more confident and independent. The International Student Homework Club runs after school on Wednesdays in the Library. Attendance is compulsory for Years 10 and 11 students. This is an excellent opportunity for students to receive further assistance with their academic work. A community volunteer mentor is available for students to practice speaking English with. Students are also encouraged to attend the before school Study Sessions that run on Wednesdays from 7.45am until 8.45am. These Study Sessions are another chance for students to gain help towards achieving their learning goals – a breakfast muffin is provided!

We actively encourage you to contact us through COMPASS regarding any issues you might have with your student's wellbeing and academic progress.

Kind regards,

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