

COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS) - ADVICE FOR YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

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News story 

NESA's advice about school work and assessment for Year 11 and 12 students and the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus):

- Schools need to provide students with the opportunity to engage with school work and meet course completion criteria. It is a decision for each school principal whether a student has met school completion criteria.
- Schools should arrange to send work to impacted students and provide opportunities to engage with school work. It is understood this may not always be possible.
- Where possible assessment tasks need to be sent to students for completion and then electronically submitted to school.
 - If an assessment task cannot be submitted:
 - NESA expects that the reason for a student being unable to attend school as a result of a travel ban, would meet the school's criteria for Illness / Misadventure.
 - It is recommended that schools are ready for an alternate task to be provided to the student on their return.
 - If under exceptional circumstances and where schools do not have a way of providing an alternative task, an 'estimate' can be used. In these instances schools need to contact NESA's Marking and Quality branch +61 02 9367 8269 - for advice.
- Schools are reminded that an alternative task can be provided to meet the specific situation. For example consideration can be given to:
 - The duration – is a shorter task possible while using the same outcomes and marking guidelines.
 - The delivery method – for example: instead of a live speech being delivered, alternatively a student could record themselves and submit the recording electronically.
 - An extension of time.
- Schools who have students undertaking practical subjects may contact the relevant NESA inspector for further advice and guidance:
 - Mark Tyler – Inspector Technology
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 - John Montgomery – Inspector Creative Arts
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 - For advice on school based assessment regarding programming, weightings and components, please contact your local School Liaison officer or Penny Vlies on +61 02 9367 8451
 - For advice on specific tasks, issues or estimates please contact the Marking Quality Branch on +61 02 9367 8269
- Schools are reminded to stay up to date with the latest information on COVID-19 by visiting the [Health NSW website](#) and the [Australian Government Department of Health website](#). Further information is also available on the [NSW Department of Education website](#).

Specific travel advice for Chinese citizens who are international students in Years 11 and 12 can also be found [here](#).