

No change to SACE exam dates

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It's business as usual for the Class of 2020 with SACE exams going ahead as planned at the end-of-the-year.

SACE Board Chief Executive Professor Martin Westwell said the written exams, which are worth up to 30% of a student's final grade, would take place as usual from 20 October to 16 November.

Professor Westwell also praised the tenacity of students and teachers for continuing the learning, despite the challenges caused by COVID-19.

"Our school communities and teachers are doing such a great job, and they have been part of the solution to ensure that students can continue their learning," Professor Westwell said.

"Everyone has worked extremely hard and shown great resilience to set us up for the end of the academic year.

"We have provided teachers with more flexibility to use their professional judgement to modify an assessment task should they need to do so while still assessing the full range of students' knowledge and skills. The 2020 SACE will be just as rigorous and demanding as the SACE from other years.

"Our position on end-of-year exams has remained unchanged throughout 2020. Exams will go ahead as scheduled, with the same dates and arrangements in place.

"We have been working with curriculum and assessment authorities in the other states and territories to ensure there is a nationally-consistent approach to the timing of exams."

Professor Westwell said special provisions are available to support individual students who have a disability, or have been affected by misadventure or personal circumstances beyond their control, to participate in the SACE.

"Throughout this year we have been working with schools on to understand what the disruption would be like for students and we have been lucky that there hasn't been too much impact.

"We know that for some individual students that there have been some profound disruption because of COVID-19 and it has just been impossible for them to access some of the learning or the assessment, even with the adjustments that have been made. Special provisions will be considered for those students.

"There won't be blanket special provisions for COVID-19 across the whole school system because it is not needed. We know from working with teachers that this approach is not required, and the same special provisions will be available this year as in previous years."

Find out how the SACE Board is supporting students and schools during COVID-19 on the [SACE website](#).

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