



TRINITY BAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear School Community Member,

As we work towards achieving our vision of engaging and enabling students to achieve meaningful life pathways at Trinity Bay SHS, we are excited to introduce a trial initiative in 2024 aimed at further supporting the academic and overall well-being of our staff and students in Years 11 and 12.

One of the key areas we have been exploring is how to best address the unique needs of our senior students. To this end, we will be conducting a trial to modify school hours for Year 11 and 12 students starting in 2024. The goal of this trial is to enhance student and staff well-being by providing flexible study, learning and work/life opportunities for students in senior.

The modified school hours for Year 11 and 12 students will entail flexible options of attendance on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons where students will be dismissed from 1:10pm (second lunch) rather than 3:00pm. This adjustment aims to ensure that our senior students can balance their study alongside the various extracurricular activities, part-time jobs, and responsibilities that many of our senior students undertake.

We understand that this trial will require adjustments for our students, families, and staff, and we are committed to providing the necessary support to ensure a smooth transition. We have taken various steps to make this transition as seamless as possible, including:

Engagement in excellence and enhancement activities: CISSA sport, some academy programs, Clontarf activities and independent study will be offered at this time should students nominate for them

Supervision for students who need to stay at school: We will offer supervised independent tutorial study sessions if students are unable to leave the school.

Transportation: We are actively working with local transportation providers to resolve issues around public transportation for affected students

Communication and Feedback: We will maintain open lines of communication with both students and parents, and we encourage your feedback throughout the trial period.

The trial will run for the entirety of the 2024 academic year, allowing us to thoroughly assess the impact on our senior students' academic performance, well-being, and overall satisfaction. At the end of the trial, we will complete a full review to determine whether the modified hours should be adopted as a permanent change into the future.

During the times that students are not at school, we plan to release teachers to complete collaborative planning and moderation activities. This will enable our excellent teaching staff to further enhance our curriculum, teaching and pedagogy and provide even better learning experiences for our students.

We believe this trial is a proactive step toward improving the education and overall experience of our Year 11 and 12 students and our staff. Your support and feedback are invaluable in this endeavour, and we look forward to working together to ensure the best possible educational outcomes for our senior students.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your questions or feedback will assist us in identifying and resolving any issues that may arise through the trial. Please use [this link](#) (or the QR code) to a survey if you wish to provide us with feedback by Friday November 24.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we embark on this exciting trial. We are confident that it will contribute to the success and well-being of our staff and senior students.

Sincerely,

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