To the Principal
All Western Australian Secondary Schools

Dear Principal

2020 YEAR 12 PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATAR COURSE PRACTICAL (PERFORMANCE) EXAMINATION

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) acknowledges the impact of COVID-19 on the teaching and assessment of the Year 12 ATAR Physical Education Studies (PES) course in 2020. In recognition of this, the Authority has consulted broadly with the PES Curriculum Advisory Committee, the Secondary Principals Advisory Committee, Heads of Learning Area and the presidents of the peak parent bodies to determine how best to implement the PES ATAR course practical examination this year.

From this consultation, the Authority has determined it will administer the standard Year 12 PES ATAR course practical (performance) examination in the metropolitan area and, where viable, regional centres or schools. However, it should be noted that due to logistical constraints, examinations in particular sports for candidates located in regional locations or schools may be conducted on a date that is different to the date indicated in the PES practical examination timetable published on the Authority’s website.

In recognition of the potential ongoing impact of COVID-19, those students who cannot sit the standard examination, due to being unable to participate in contact sports or travel to the metropolitan or regional examination centre, will be provided with the option to sit the alternative practical examination. The alternative practical examination requires students to analyse electronic recordings and complete an oral examination conducted by two markers. The Authority will inform schools how to exercise this option on behalf of individual students.

As in previous years and in accordance with the Authority’s Special Provisions policy, students with a long-term injury or illness are eligible to apply for the PES alternative practical examination. Applications for this examination are due to the Authority by Wednesday, 29 July 2020.

The Authority’s Examination Logistics staff will continue to liaise with your school’s Year 12 PES ATAR course teacher to collect the information required to determine the examination arrangements for your students.

If you require further clarification in relation to this correspondence, please contact the Manager, Examination Logistics, Kaylene Power on 9273 6309 or Kaylene.power@scsa.wa.edu.au.

I thank you for your ongoing support to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for students studying the PES course.

Yours sincerely

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