

30th April, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the last 6 years, the Digital Delivery Program at Nossal High School has focussed on developing students' independent learning skills applied to the online learning environment. As many tertiary institutions and other programs for further learning regularly make use of both synchronous and asynchronous learning, we feel it is beneficial for our students to be explicitly taught how to use online learning environments effectively. Our aim is to provide Nossal students with the experiences necessary to easily and successfully utilise online learning tools such as discussion, real-time chat and video conferencing in an educational context.

In our discussions with University lecturers, concerns have been consistently raised that many first-year students take too long to adjust to the different approaches required to successfully make use of tertiary online learning environments. Through our Digital Delivery Program, we are endeavouring to provide Nossal students with the preparation required to be effective undergraduate students from the moment they leave Nossal High School. Some of the strategies they are encouraged to develop during our program relate to being an effective online collaborator, being pro-active about one's learning, asking pertinent questions during online sessions, avoiding online distractions and using learning time wisely when outside of the physical school environment. By using an authentic setting, Nossal's Digital Delivery Program gives students a genuine opportunity to explore online learning while developing their independence.

This year for the first time, we are going to be utilising Microsoft Teams' in-built video conferencing features for our synchronous Digital Delivery Events. Students will be provided with introductory information within their classes on how our new software works, as well as a hard copy guide that they can use for support during our Digital Delivery Events.

Further details about our Digital Delivery Day Program for 2019 can be found on the Compass "Digital Delivery" event which now awaits parental consent. For each event, students in year levels as indicated are not required at school, but are encouraged to work from a location with a reliable internet connection.

Summary of Events

Date	Event Type	Year Levels Involved
19 th March (passed)	Asynchronous	Year 12 students only
22 nd May	Synchronous (Real-time)	All year levels
12 th June	Asynchronous	Year 9 & 10 students only
28 th August	Synchronous (Real-time)	All year levels
4 th November	Asynchronous	Years 9, 10 & 11 only

Thank you for your continued support of our Digital Delivery Program in 2019.

Yours Sincerely,

Stuart Fankhauser
Director of Digital Development and Innovation.