

File Ref: FILE2021/4156

Miles Greenwark

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Dear Mr Greenwark

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOI) REQUEST

I refer to your application under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the FOI Act) received by the Education Directorate (the Directorate) on 20 August 2021, in which you are seeking access to:

'Documents regarding the decision making process and final decisions regarding student assessment during the remote learning period of 2021 (which started specifically on the 20th of August, 2021). Specifically, documents containing decisions regarding whether students will be assessed similarly to the remote learning period in 2020, where they received an "S" grade for that school semester.'

Please note the information requested falls under the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (BSSS) service responsibility; for more details please see this link to their webpage: <a href="http://www.bsss.act.edu.au/The Board/office of the bsss">http://www.bsss.act.edu.au/The Board/office of the bsss</a>. A principal function of the BSSS is to provide information on the performance of students and former students and to establish the principles and procedures for the assessment of attainments of students and the moderation of these assessments.

With BSSS support, the Education Directorate's FOI office is undertaking the management and processing of your request.

In accordance with section 40 of the FOI Act, a decision on access to the information requested is due 20 working days from receipt, being 17 September 2021. However, if third party information is involved, we may be required to consult with third parties and the decision date will be extended by a further 15 working days. You will be informed if this action is required.

Please be aware that FOI request timeframes may be impacted by COVID-19, and whilst we are continuing to work to meet statutory timeframes, this may not be possible in all instances. We are committed, to working with you to respond as best we can under the

current circumstances. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time and will notify you if a delay becomes necessary.

## **Open Access Information**

The Act requires that details regarding access requests such as the application, decision notices, and information released, must be recorded in the agency's disclosure log and be made publicly available between three and ten working days after a decision on access has been given to the applicant. Please be aware that your personal information, such as your identity and contact details, will be withheld from publication.

Please contact me on 02 6205 0720 or email EducationFOI@act.gov.au if you require any further information regarding your request.

Yours sincerely,

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