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INTRODUCTION

Purpose of Assessment

Assessment is the process of identifying, gathering and interpreting information about student achievement. It can be used for a number of key purposes, including to:

- Assist student learning.
- Provide information on a student's learning and progress in a course in relation to the syllabus outcomes.
- Provide evidence of satisfactory completion of a course.

In the context of the Higher School Certificate (HSC) a major requirement of our internal assessment program is to provide a summative measure of each student's achievement in each course based on:

- A wider range of syllabus outcomes than may be measured by an external examination alone.
- Multiple measures and observations made throughout the HSC course rather than a single assessment event.

It is a requirement of the HSC school assessment program that for each course taught, schools must establish a program of assessment tasks. These tasks are conducted throughout Year 12 and each has a weighting determined by the school within guidelines provided by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). School-based assessment tasks are linked to standards because the tasks focus on outcomes. They are valid instruments for what they are designed to assess, and where appropriate, the marking guidelines are related to the wording of the outcomes and the performance band descriptors.

Eligibility for HSC Study

To be eligible for the award of the Higher School Certificate, students must have:

- Satisfactorily completed all Stage 5 requirements or gained another qualification that NESA considers satisfactory.
- Attended a government school, an accredited non-government school, a school outside NSW recognised by NESA, or a TAFE college.
- Completed HSC: All My Own Work (or its equivalent) before submitting any work for Preliminary or HSC courses, unless the student is only entered for Year 11 and Year 12 Life Skills courses.
- Satisfactorily completed courses that comprise a pattern of study required by NESA for the award of the Higher School Certificate.
- Sat for and made a serious attempt at the required HSC examinations.

Requirements for the Award of the HSC

To qualify for the Higher School Certificate, students must satisfactorily complete a Preliminary pattern of study comprised of at least 12 units and a HSC pattern of study comprised of at least 10 units. This includes the completion of the practical, oral or project works required for specific courses and the assessment requirements for each course.

Both the Preliminary and the HSC patterns of study must include:

- At least 6 units of Board Developed Courses.
- At least 2 units of a Board Developed Course in English. Satisfactory completion of English Studies fulfils the English requirements for the HSC. The course counts towards the six units of Board Developed Courses required for the award of the HSC. English Studies will only meet the UAC requirement of two units of English for the calculation of an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) if the optional examination is satisfactorily completed.
- At least 3 courses of 2unit value or greater (either Board Developed or Board Endorsed Courses).
- At least 4 subjects.

Eligibility for an ATAR

To be eligible to receive an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 10 units from Board Developed Courses in their HSC pattern of study. An eligible pattern of study must contain 2 units of English and at least 6 other category-A units.

Students who study any of the 240-hour VET Curriculum Framework courses may sit an optional HSC written examination. One of these written examinations can contribute towards the calculation of their ATAR provided that they complete English (Standard) or English (Advanced). This written examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course.

Students who complete the optional exam in English Studies and Mathematics Standard 1 or a VET course, need to be aware that only the units for the English Studies result can be used to calculate their ATAR.

Satisfactory Completion of Board Developed and Board Endorsed Courses

The following course completion criteria refer to both Preliminary and HSC courses. A student will be considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if, in the Principal's view, there is sufficient evidence that the student has:

- Followed the course developed or endorsed by NESA.
- Applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school.
- · Achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

For courses where school assessment marks are submitted to NESA, students must make a genuine attempt at assessment tasks that total more than 50% of the available school assessment marks for that course.

If the Principal determines that a student is in danger of not meeting the above course completion criteria, the student will be given a written warning in sufficient time to correct any problems regarding their satisfactory completion of course requirements.

If the Principal determines that a student has not met the above criteria for satisfactory completion of a course, the school will inform NESA and the student in writing.

If a student does not satisfactorily complete a course, they will receive no results in that course, the course will not appear on their NESA record, and the course will not count towards their pattern of study for the award of a Higher School Certificate. This may mean that the student is no longer eligible to receive a HSC or an ATAR.

Satisfactory Completion of VET Curriculum Frameworks

The satisfactory course completion criteria outlined for Board Developed and Board Endorsed Courses above also applies to the completion of any courses requiring competency-based assessment.

In addition to this, courses in the VET Industry Curriculum Frameworks have been designed to deliver units of competency that are drawn from Industry Training Packages. Work placement is a mandatory Preliminary and HSC requirement of each framework course, and for some other VET courses. For each course, a minimum number of hours are required in the workplace to enable students to progress towards the achievement of industry competencies and to practise skills acquired in the classroom or workshop. If a student fails to complete the mandatory work placement component of a VET course, it may be determined that they have not made a genuine attempt to complete the course requirements as outlined above.

Satisfactory Attendance

Whilst NESA does not mandate attendance requirements, Principals may determine that as a result of absence, a student has not met the course completion criteria outlined above. The school will regard absences seriously as teachers, Head Teachers, Deputies and the Principal must decide if there is sufficient evidence to show that a student is making satisfactory progress towards achieving the outcomes of a course. It is generally accepted that a student's attendance will need to be at least 85% if they are to satisfactorily complete a course of study.

Further Advice and Information

- The Principal, Deputy Principals, Faculty Head Teachers and Year Advisors can provide further advice and information.
- Regional NESA Liaison Officer, located in Coffs Harbour.

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Changes and Alterations

Changes to school procedures will be issued in writing to:

- All members of staff concerned.
- All students affected by the change (with registration that they have received the changes) and their parents/carers.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

GENERAL

- 1. Assessment of HSC courses will commence on the first day of Term 4 in the year prior to a student sitting for their HSC exam.
- 2. The number of assessment tasks assigned to Board Developed courses must not exceed four and should be kept to a minimum for Content Endorsed and Curriculum Framework courses. In addition to this, only one formal examination is permitted for each course.
- **3.** Grouping of students for assessment:
 - a) Assessment of all students studying a course will be based on common assessment tasks. When there is more than one class studying the same course the faculty Head Teacher must ensure that:
 - The same assessment task is used for all classes.
 - The assessment conditions are the same for all classes.
 - All groups complete the task as close in time as the timetable allows.
 - All tasks are marked to the same common standard.
 - b) Extension students will be assessed with the 2Unit students as a single group on the common components of the courses. The additional components of the extension course will be assessed without reference to other courses in the subject.
 - c) Students accumulating their HSC (either enrolled part time or concurrently studying Preliminary and HSC course) are expected to meet all assessment requirements in the same way as all other students.
 - d) Students accelerating in a particular course are expected to complete all assessment requirements in that course, in the same way as all other students.

4. Assessment tasks:

- a) Each student, including late enrolments and partial enrolments, will receive a copy of the Assessment Information Booklet and they must sign a register to acknowledge receipt of the booklet. This register is to be maintained by the Year Advisor.
- b) The actual weighting for each task in each course is shown in the course-specific assessment schedules included in this document.
- c) Teachers will issue an Assessment Task notification to each student in the course at least two weeks prior to the date of an assessment task. This notification will clearly describe:
 - The nature of the task.
 - The syllabus outcomes on which achievement will be assessed.
 - The criteria which will be used to measure a student's achievement in relation to the specified outcomes.
- **5.** Students must submit tasks by the due date, during their normal lesson time. The task should be handed to their class teacher. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange an early submission of a task in the event of a planned absence.
- **6.** In the event that the class teacher is absent on the day an in-class task is due, the faculty Head Teacher will make alternative arrangements to receive the students' work.

- 7. In the event that the class teacher is absent on the day a task is to be completed, the assessment should go ahead as planned. If this is not possible, the task should be rescheduled at the earliest appropriate date.
- **8.** If a task proves to be invalid or fails to discriminate, the faculty involved may deem it necessary to set a replacement task. It may also be necessary to reschedule a task from the published date. In these circumstances, the following steps should be taken by the teacher(s) involved:
 - Consult with the group(s) involved to find a suitable alternative time for the task.
 - Ensure the change does not grossly advantage or disadvantage any student.
 - Advise changes to the published schedule in writing to the affected students, faculty Head Teacher, Year Advisor and the Principal.
 - Ensure adequate notice, usually two weeks, is given in.
- **9.** In the case of major examinations (Trial HSC), students should be aware that achievement may be assessed in relation to all of the outcomes covered to that point in the course. The timing of the major examination period is outlined in this Assessment Information Booklet and will be highlighted via the School Newsletter.
- **10.** The timetable for major examination periods will be published and a copy issued to each student at least two weeks prior to the first exam. The teacher in charge of senior exams will prepare the timetable and distribute it to each student.
- **11.** In a standards-referenced approach to assessment:
 - Tasks are designed to focus on outcomes.
 - The types of assessment tasks are appropriate for the outcomes being assessed.
 - Tasks reflect the weightings and components specified in the relevant syllabus documents.
 - Students know the assessment criteria before they begin a task.
 - Students get meaningful feedback about what they are able to do and what they need to do in order to improve their level of performance.
 - Students will be assessed according to their achievements against course standards.
 - Measures that reflect a student's conduct and behaviour are not included.
- **12.** For each assessment task, each student will be given a mark and meaningful feedback on the task. Students will be kept informed of their progressive rank via their academic school reports.
- **13.** Assessment results must be recorded in a Sentral Markbook specific to each course and kept up to date at all times. A back up copy must also be kept by the faculty Head Teacher. These records must show the results on all tasks to date and the current cumulative assessment mark and rank of all students.
- **14.** Students who transfer to South Grafton High School will be ranked in their courses using the tasks completed at South Grafton High School and the teacher's professional judgement. Rankings from other schools are of little significance, as they do not reflect the student's relative position within the South Grafton High School cohort.
- **15.** For students who transfer to another school and the school requests assessment information, all available assessment information will be forwarded to their new school.

16. Academic School Reports:

- a) Students will be issued with a Mid-Course Report in Term 2 and a Final HSC Report in Term 3.
- b) For the purpose of reporting (and ranking for HSC) a student studying an extension course will be regarded as studying two separate courses; a 2Unit course and an extension course in that subject.
- c) Positions in a 2Unit course will include all extension students studying that subject.

17. Disability Provisions

- a) Students with special education needs work towards syllabus outcomes identified through a collaborative curriculum planning process. They will be given a range of opportunities to demonstrate achievement of these outcomes. Some students with special education needs will require adjustments to assessment activities to enable them to complete the task. This will ensure they have an equitable opportunity to demonstrate what they know and what they can do.
- b) Adjustments enable a student with special education needs to attempt syllabus outcomes and content on the same basis as their peers. They are intended to provide equitable opportunities for students with special education needs rather than confer an advantage. The types of adjustments made will vary according to the needs of the individual student.
- c) Adjustments can include practical arrangements to help students with special education needs complete Preliminary and HSC examinations. These practical arrangements are known as disability provisions. To access adjustments for the HSC examinations, an application for Disability Provisions must be submitted to NESA. Schools are responsible for any decisions about adjustments to course work and formal schoolbased assessment tasks throughout Years 11 and 12. There is no guarantee that the Disability Provisions granted at school for course work and assessment tasks, will also be granted for the HSC examinations.
- d) In order to access adjustments (for example, small group supervision, a reader, a writer, diabetic provisions, etc.) for the HSC examinations please see one of the Learning and Support Teachers (LaST) in the Library who can explain the process which needs to be followed and the paperwork which needs to be submitted to NESA. This process needs to begin in Term 4 of Year 11 and the LaST will help you with the NESA application.

ILLNESS/MISADVENTURE

- 1. Students who are absent from scheduled lessons on the same day (partial) and/or on the day prior (whole day or partial) to an assessment task need to have a valid reason for their absence. They will need to apply for illness/misadventure and supply a medical certificate as well as any other relevant documentation. If the student's application is denied a penalty will be imposed. This penalty is subject to the Principal's discretion.
- **2.** Planned absence on the day of an assessment task:
 - a) Planned absences include, but are not limited to excursions, work experience and work placement.
 - b) If a student knows they are going to be absent on the day of an assessment task, they must notify their Year Advisor, complete an Illness/Misadventure Application, and inform the teacher, prior to the absence.

- c) Hand-in tasks will need to be submitted to the teacher prior to the absence.
- d) Under no circumstances may a student attempt a formal examination before the scheduled time without express approval of the Principal.
- 3. If a student is suspended from school at the time an assessment task is due, the student must make arrangements to submit the task by the due date. A student on suspension is expected to attend the lesson in which an assessment tasks has been scheduled, unless the Principal or Deputy Principal considers that their presence presents an unacceptable risk to others. Alternative arrangements will be made if this is the case.
- 4. Illness/Misadventure at the time of an Assessment Task

It is necessary that a parent or carer contacts the school immediately if one or more of the following occurs:

- a) There is a problem completing an assessment tasks by the due date. Only in exceptional cases will an extension be given. The Year Advisor, in consultation with the faculty Head Teacher is the only person who can give an extension. Teachers should regularly monitor student progress so that a fair and reasonable assessment of the situation is possible in the event that a task is submitted late.
- b) A student's performance in an assessment task has been affected by illness or unforeseen misadventure suffered immediately before or during the assessment period.
- A student is prevented from attending an assessment task due to illness and/or misadventure.
- d) A student is prevented from submitting an ongoing assessment task in person (this includes practical projects, reports, speeches etc. requiring preparation before the due date) due to illness and/or misadventure.

Only in exceptional cases, can the Year Advisor, in consultation with the faculty Head Teacher, accept a task without penalty. The student should direct their initial enquiry to the Year Advisor. Where individual circumstances are of a highly confidential and exceptional nature, special cases may be presented to the Principal for consideration.

- 5. Completing Illness/Misadventure Applications
 - a) On return to school students are required to report to the Year Advisor immediately and complete an Illness/Misadventure application.
 - b) Students should also report to the teacher and faculty Head Teacher of the subject concerned immediately upon their return to school.
 - c) On return to school, students will be given 2 days to provide independent advice or certification of the reason for the absence (e.g. doctor's certificate regarding illness). NESA stipulates that a relative cannot provide this evidence.
 - d) Students cannot submit an Illness/Misadventure application on the basis of misreading an assessment task notification or an exam timetable. If you miss the time an assessment task is due or arrive late to an assessment task, because you have misread an assessment task notification, or an exam timetable contact the Year Advisor immediately.
 - e) The Year Advisor will consider all illness/misadventure applications. If the application is successful, the task is included without penalty. If the application is unsuccessful a penalty will apply, and this may be the award of zero marks for the task.

6. Unacceptable grounds for Illness/Misadventure Applications

The provisions for Illness/Misadventure generally **do not** cover:

- a) Attendance at a family holiday or social occasion.
- b) Attendance at a sporting or cultural event.
- c) Visiting sick relatives or friends.
- d) Alleged inadequacies of teaching or long-term matters relating to loss of preparation time, loss of study time or facilities. This includes technology failure.
- e) Disabilities for which NESA have already granted special provisions unless an unforeseen episode occurs.
- f) Long-term illness such as glandular fever, asthma, epilepsy unless the student suffered a 'flare-up' of the condition immediately before or during the assessment task.
- g) Matters avoidable by the student (e.g. misreading or misinterpretation of assessment deadlines or exam timetables and instructions, loss of work due to a technology failure).

Please note that tracking of student Illness/Misadventure Applications will occur in order to monitor repeated applications from the same student. It may occur that a first application is accepted and a later one for the same reason is declined. This will ensure that the assessment process is not compromised.

7. Technology and technology failure

- a) With the exception of computer-based courses, the use of computers in the preparation and presentation of assessment tasks is optional. Students using computers must accept responsibility for the loss of any data or the non-completion of tasks due to computer related problems.
- b) If a student suffers technology failure they will need to provide printouts of drafts or partial drafts or associated notes and summaries in order for extensions or misadventure to be considered.
- c) Students will be solely responsible for maintaining backups of all personal data files, independently of the school's computers and network.
- **8.** Irrespective of the outcome of an Illness/Misadventure application, all students will be required to complete all tasks or a substitute task to show evidence that they have met the course completion criteria.

9. Estimates and Substitute Tasks

- a) A substitute task may be administered, or an estimated mark may be given at the discretion of the Year advisor and the faculty Head Teacher when a student is absent from a task with a valid reason.
- b) It is anticipated that parents or the student would have already contacted the school regarding the problem and an Illness/Misadventure application would have been submitted.
- c) Consultation between the faculty Head Teacher and the Year Advisor will determine appropriate measures for a student who is absent for a prolonged period with valid reasons, or a student who suffers from a chronic trauma.
- d) Where an estimate is given this will count as the student having completed the task in relation to the requirement that students must complete more than 50% of the assessment for a course in order for it to count towards the completion of a HSC course.

AWARD OF ZERO MARKS

- 1. Zero marks will be awarded:
 - a) For any task or component of an ongoing task that is submitted late and for which Illness/Misadventure is not approved. This includes tasks submitted after the time stated on the Assessment Task Notification.
 - b) If a student is absent from a task without a valid reason.
 - c) If there is sufficient evidence of malpractice as outlined below.
 - d) If there is sufficient evidence of a non-serious attempt. In all assessment tasks, nonserious attempts will be identified by the teacher and the faculty Head Teacher and dealt with by the Year Advisor and the Principal.
 - e) A student refuses to complete a task. This could jeopardise the student's ability to satisfactorily complete a course.
 - f) The answers are not written in English, except where required or permitted by the question paper.
- 2. Frivolous or Objectionable Material.

Teachers and Head Teachers will bring to the Year Advisor's attention assessment tasks that contain frivolous or objectionable material. Frivolous or objectionable material may result in an assessment task being deemed a non-serious attempt. This could result in a mark of zero.

MALPRACTICE

- 1. Malpractice is any activity that allows a student to gain an unfair advantage over other students. It includes, but is not limited to:
 - a) Copying someone else's work in part or as a whole and presenting it as their own.
 - b) Using material directly from books, journals, CDs or websites without referencing the source.
 - c) Building on the ideas of another person without reference to the source.
 - d) Buying, stealing or borrowing another person's work and presenting it as their own.
 - e) Submitting work to which another person such as a parent, coach or subject expert has contributed substantially.
 - f) Using words, ideas, designs or the workmanship of others in practical and performance tasks without appropriate acknowledgement.
 - g) Paying someone to write or prepare material.
 - h) Breaching school examination rules.
 - i) Using non-approved aides or devices during an assessment task.
 - i) Contriving false explanations to explain work not submitted by the due date.
 - k) Assisting another student to engage in malpractice.

2. All work presented in assessment tasks, internal and external examinations (including submitted works and practical examinations) must be the student's own work or it must be acknowledged appropriately. Malpractice, including plagiarism, will lead to a student receiving zero marks and may jeopardise their HSC results.

STUDENTS AT RISK OF NON-COMPLETION

- 1. Official Warning that a student is at risk
 - a) Students who do not complete an assessment task, and/or have not been granted approval for Illness/Misadventure will be issued with an official N-warning letter. They will then have two weeks to resolve the issue by completing the task.
 - b) A student who has been issued with at least two N-warnings for the same course is at risk of not meeting the course completion criteria and may be N-determined.

2. Representing the School

- a) Students who have unresolved N-warning will not be eligible to represent South Grafton High School at any sporting or cultural events.
- b) Also, they will not be eligible to attend non-curriculum based excursions.
- c) Once the N-warning has been resolved, the restrictions will be lifted.
- 3. Official Determination of Non-completion of a HSC Course
 - a) Where it is determined that a student has not met the course completion criteria as outlined on page 4 of this document, they place themselves at risk of receiving an Ndetermination. An N-determination will mean that the course will not be listed on the student's NESA record. Students must make a genuine attempt at assessment tasks that contribute in excess of 50% of available marks. Completion of tasks worth exactly 50% is not sufficient; tasks worth more than 50% must be completed.
 - b) NESA requires that the Principal must warn students as soon as possible and advise their parents or guardian in writing if they are at risk of not completing a course. This warning should be given in time for the problem to be corrected. NESA also requires that if the first warning letter is not effective, a further warning letter(s) should be sent.
 - c) A minimum of two course-specific N-warnings must be issued prior to a final N-determination being made for a course.
 - d) Students who are in danger of being given an N-determination will be interviewed by the teacher and faculty Head Teacher before being referred to the Principal. (Notation of any such interview will be recorded in Sentral.)
 - e) A parental interview will be conducted if applicable.
 - f) Students who have not complied with the above requirements cannot be regarded as having satisfactorily completed the course. The Principal will then apply the Ndetermination as outlined below.

- **4.** Procedures required to issue a Non-Completion of Course Determination
 - a) A Principal's Determination Form will be completed for each student who is to be given an N-determination.
 - b) Where possible, the Principal will explain to the student the reasons for the determination(s) made on the form and advise them of the consequences of this determination. The course(s) will not be listed on the student's Record of Achievement unless the student seeks a review of this determination and the appeal is successful. The N- determination may also affect the student's eligibility for the award of a HSC, as they must have successfully completed 10 units of study.
 - c) Where possible, the student will be advised of their right to seek a reconsideration of this determination, and the procedures involved in submitting an appeal.
 - d) Where possible, the Principal will ensure the student has read the Information for Students and read and signed the Student's Declaration on the Principal's Determination Form.

APPEALS

- 1. Assessment Review Individual Tasks
 - a) Students must check assessment results and progressive rank within the course at the time results are given for each task.
 - b) Once a task has been assessed and the mark accepted, i.e. recognised by both the teacher and the student, then it constitutes an agreed mark and cannot be altered. The work does not have to be kept by the teacher, as it cannot be remarked.
 - c) If a student does not accept the teachers' judgement of the marks to be awarded for their performance in an assessment task i.e. there is not an agreed mark, they are entitled to lodge an appeal. Students wishing to appeal need to indicate their intention to the teacher who will retain the assessment task and forward it to the faculty Head Teacher until the appeal is considered. The student also needs to complete an appeal form (available from the Year Advisor) and submit it to the faculty Head Teacher no later than 24hrs from the day the marked task was returned to them.
 - d) The appeal will be considered within 3 school days of being submitted to the faculty Head Teacher by a Review Committee comprised of the Year Advisor, the Head Teacher of the subject concerned and another Head Teacher.
 - e) If the student's appeal is successful, the student will be informed, and the other students in the course will also be informed of changes (if any) in relative positions within the school group.
 - f) If the student's appeal is unsuccessful, the student will be informed, and no further actions are available.

2. Appeal an N-determination

- a) A student may appeal an N-determination. When an N-determination is made, the Principal's Report should be completed, and a copy given, together with the Student Appeal form, to the student, or forwarded to the student's home address. A student wishing to appeal needs to complete the Student Appeal form and submit it to the Principal.
- b) If the student's appeal is successful at the school level, notification will be sent to NESA so that the N- determination can be removed from the unsatisfactory completion of course schedule.
- c) If the student's appeal is unsuccessful at the school level, the Principal's Report form, the Student Appeal form, and any other relevant documentation will be submitted by the date specified to NESA.
- d) Students have the right to appeal to NESA if their appeal is unsuccessful at the school level.

The school reserves the right to substitute or alter any part of this Assessment Information Booklet at any time provided that such changes are consistent with the policy of NESA, and that students and parents are notified of the change.

ASSESSMENT AT A GLANCE

Week	Term 4, 2019	Term 1, 2020	Term 2, 2020	Term 3, 2020	Week
1					1
2			Math Ext 1		2
3					3
4			Visual Art		4
5				Trial HSC	5
6		Maths Advanced Maths Ext 1 Maths Standard 2 Maths Standard 1 SLR	Ancient History	Trial HSC	6
7	Business Studies Chemistry Math Ext 1 Work Studies	PDHPE	Business Studies English Advanced English Standard English Studies		7
8	Biology Industrial Tech Legal Studies Maths Ext 2 SLR	Business Studies Chemistry History Ext Industrial Tech Visual Arts	Biology Legal Studies Maths Advanced Maths Ext 2 Maths Standard 2 Maths Standard 1		8
9	Ancient History Marine Studies PDHPE Physics SDD	Biology Legal Studies Math Ext 2	Marine Studies PDHPE Physics SDD		9
10	English Advanced English Standard English Studies Maths Advanced Maths Standard 2 Maths Standard 1	Ancient History Marine Studies Physics SDD	Chemistry History Ext Visual Arts Work Studies		10
11	No Classes	English Advanced English Standard English Studies Work Studies	No Classes	No Classes	11

FINAL EXAMINATION BLOCK (TERM 3, WEEKS 5 AND 6)

- Ancient History
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- English Advanced
- English Standard
- English Studies Folio
- History Extension
- Industrial Technology (Multimedia and Timber)
- Legal Studies
- Marine Studies
- Mathematics Advanced

- Mathematics Extension 1
- Mathematics Extension 2
- Mathematics Standard 2
- Mathematics Standard 1
- PDHPE
- Physics
- SDD
- SLR
- Visual Arts
- Work Studies
- VET –Construction
- VET Hospitality
- VET Primary Industries

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES

ANCIENT HISTORY

					Components			
Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes	Knowledge	Historic al Skills	Inquiry and Researc h	Comm	
1	Source Analysis: Vesuvius Pompeii and Herculaneum	Term 4 Week 9	AH12-6, AH12-8, AH12-9, AH12-10	5%	5%	5%	10%	25%
2	Historical Analysis: Sparta	Term 1 Week 10	AH12-1, AH12-2, AH12-3, AH12-9	10%		5%	10%	25%
3	Extended Response: Hatshepsut	Term 2 Week 6	AH12-5, AH12-6, AH12-8, AH12-9	5%	5%	10%		20%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	AH12-3, AH12-4, AH12-6, AH12-7	20%	10%			30%
				40%	20%	20%	20%	100%

BIOLOGY

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Task	Task Description Timin		Outcomes	Skills in Working Scientifically	Knowledge and Understanding	Weight
1	Topic Test: Heredity	Term 4 Week 8	12-4, 12-6, 12-7, 12-12	10%	10%	20%
2	Topic Test: Genetic Change	Term 1 Week 9	12-4, 12-6, 12-7, 12-13	10%	10%	20%
3	Depth Study: Infectious Disease	Term 2 Week 8	12-1, 12-2, 12-4, 12-5, 12-7, 12- 14	30%		30%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-12, 12- 13, 12-14, 12-15	10%	20%	30%
			Total	60%	40%	100%

BUSINESS STUDIES

				Components				
Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes	Knowledge	Stimulus based Skills	Inquiry and Researc h	Comm	Weight
1	Topic Test: Operations	Term 4 Week 7	H2, H4, H5, H6, H7	10%	5%		5%	20%
2	Inquiry and Research: Marketing	Term 1 Week 8	H8, H9		5%	20%	5%	30%
3	Stimulus based: Finance	Term 2 Week 7	H2, H3, H4, H5	10%	5%		5%	20%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8, H9, H10	20%	5%		5%	30%
				40%	20%	20%	20%	100%

CHEMISTRY

	Description			Comp	onents	
Task		Timing	Outcomes	Skills in Working Scientifically	Knowledge and Understanding	Weight
1	Research Task: Equilibrium and Acid Reactions	Term 4 Week 7	12-4, 12-6, 12-7, 12-12	10%	10%	20%
2	Depth Study	Term 1 Week 8	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-13	30%		30%
3	Topic Test: Organic Chemistry	Term 2 Week 10	12-4, 12-6, 12-7, 12-14	10%	10%	20%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-12, 12-13, 12-14, 12- 15	10%	20%	30%
			Total	60%	40%	100%

ENGLISH ADVANCED

				Comp	onents	
Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes EA	Knowledge and Understanding of Course Content	Skills in Responding to Texts and Communication of Ideas	Weight
1	Multimodal Task Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences	Term 4 Week 10	12-1, 12-2, 12-7, 12-8	10%	10%	20%
2	Critical Response Module A: Textual Conversations	Term 1 Week 11	12-4, 12-6	15%	15%	30%
3	Response and Reflection Statement Module C: The Craft of Writing	Term 2 Week 7	12-3, 12-5, 12-8, 12-9	10%	15%	25%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5,12-9	15%	10%	25%
			Total	50%	50%	100%

ENGLISH STANDARD

				Comp	onents		
Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes EN	Knowledge and Understanding of Course Content	Skills in Responding to Texts and Communication of Ideas	Weight	
1	Multimodal Task Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences	Term 4 Week 10	12-2, 12-3, 12-6, 12-7	10%	10%	20%	
2	Critical Response Module A: Language Identity and Culture	Term 1 Week 11	12-1, 12-3, 12-5, 12-7, 12-8	15%	15%	30%	
3	Response and Reflection Statement Module C: The Craft of Writing	Term 2 Week 7	12-1, 12-3, 12-4, 12-6, 12-8, 12-9	10%	15%	25%	
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5	15%	10%	25%	
			Total	50%	50%	100%	

ENGLISH STUDIES (CEC)

				Comp	onents		
Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes ES	Knowledge and understanding of course content	Skills in comprehending texts and communicating ideas and using language	Weight	
1	Human Experience	Term 4 Week 10	12-1, 12-4, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9	12.5%	12.5%	25%	
2	Playing the Game	Term 1 Week 11	12-2, 12-3, 12-4 12-5, 12-9	12.5%	12.5%	25%	
3	We Are Australian	Term 2 Week 7	12-2, 12-8, 12-9	10%	10%	20%	
4	Writing Task: Portfolio of Class work	Term 3 Week 5	12-1, 12-3, 12-4, 12-6, 12-7, 12-10	15%	15%	30%	
			Total	50%	50%	100%	

HISTORY EXTENSION

		Timing	Outcomes	Comp	Waight	
Task	Description		HE	Knowledge and understanding	Skills and Communication	Weight
1	Project proposal, process log, annotated sources History Project	Term 1 Week 8	12-1, 12-2, 12-4	10%	20%	30%
2	Essay History Project	Term 2 Week 10	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-3, 12-4	10%	30%	40%
3	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-3, 12-4	20%	10%	30%
			Total	40%	60%	100%

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

(MULTIMEDIA OR TIMBER PRODUCTS AND FURNITURE)

				Compo	onents	
Task	Description	Timing	understanding of course content		Knowledge and skills in the design and production of a major project	Weight
1	Industry Study	Term 4 Week 8	H1.2, H2.1, H3.2, H4.1, H6.1, H6.2, H7.1	10%	20%	30%
2	Project Management	Term 1 Week 8	H1.2, H1.3, H2.1, H3.1, H3.2, H3.3, H4.1, H4.2, H4.3, H5.1, H5.2, H6.1, H6.2, H7.1, H7.2	10%	30%	40%
3	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	H1.1, H1.2, H2.1, H3.1, H3.2, H4.1, H5.1, H5.2, H6.1, H6.2, H7.1, H7.2	20%	10%	30%
			Total	40%	60%	100%

LEGAL STUDIES

		Timing	Outcomes -					
Task D	Description			Knowledge	Stimulus based Skills	Inquiry and Research	Comm	Weight
1	Media File and Essay: Crime	Term 4 Week 8	H1, H3, H4, H6	10%	10%			20%
2	Essay: Family Law	Term 1 Week 9	H2, H5, H6, H7, H8	10%		10%	10%	30%
3	Research Task: Consumer Law	Term 2 Week 8	H6, H8, H9, H10	10%		10%		20%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	H2, H3, H6, H9, H10	10%	10%		10%	30%
				40%	20%	20%	20%	100%

MARINE STUDIES (CEC)

				Compo		
Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes	Skills in Marine Studies	Knowledge and Understanding	Weight
1	Practical Task: Fishing Lures	Term 4 Week 9	2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 5.3	20%	5%	25%
2	Field Trip Report: Estuarine Studies	Term 1 Week 10	2.1, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4	15%	10%	25%
3	Research Task: Seafood	Term 2 Week 9	1.4, 2.1, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3,	10%	15%	25%
4	Final Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	1.2, 1.3, 3.1, 3.3, 4.1, 5.1, 5.2	5%	20%	25%
			Total	50%	50%	100%

MATHEMATICS ADVANCED

	sk Description Timing		Outcomes	Comp	onents	
Task		MA	Understanding, Fluency and Communication	Problem Solving, Reasoning and Justification	Weight	
1	Investigation Task	Term 4 Week 10	12-1, 12-8, 12-9, 12-10	10%	10%	20%
2	In-class Assessment:	Term 1 Week 6	12-3, 12-6, 12-8 12-9, 12-10	15%	10%	25%
3	In-class Assessment:	Term 2 Week 8	12-3,12-6, 12-7, 12-9, 12-10	10%	15%	25%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-10	15%	15%	30%
			Total	50%	50%	100%

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1

				Compo	Weight	
Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes ME	Understanding, Fluency and Communication	Problem Solving, Reasoning and Justification	
1	In-class Assessment	Term 4 Week 7	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-6, 12-7	15%	10%	25%
2	In-class Assessment	Term 1 Week 6	12-5, 12-6, 12-7,	10%	15%	25%
3	Investigation Task	Term 2 Week 2	12-1, 12-3, 12-4, 12-6, 12-7	10%	10%	20%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-10	15%	15%	30%
			Total	50%	50%	100%

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2

Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes MEX	Comp		
				Concepts, Skills and Techniques	Reasoning and Communication	Weight
1	In-class Assessment	Term 4 Week 8	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-7, 12-8	15%	10%	25%
2	Investigation Task	Term 1 Week 9	12-1, 12-4, 12-7, 12-8	10%	10%	20%
3	In-class Assessment	Term 2 Week 8	12-1, 12-2, 12-4, , 12-7, 12-8	10%	15%	25%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8	15%	15%	30%
			Total	50%	50%	100%

MATHEMATICS **S**TANDARD 2

	Description		Outcomes MS2	Compo	nents	Weight
Task		Timing		Understanding, Fluency and Communication	Problem Solving, Reasoning and Justification	
1	In-class Assessment: Rates and Ratios, Non-Right Angled Trigonometry, Investment and Loans	Term 4 Week 10	12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-9, 12-10	15%	10%	25%
2	Investigation Task Network Concepts	Term 1 Week 6	12-1, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9, 12-10	10%	10%	20%
3	In-class Assessment: Bivariate Data Analysis, Annuities, Non-Linear Relationships	Term 2 Week 8	12-1, 12-2, 12-5, 12-7, 12-9, 12-10	10%	15%	25%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8 12-9, 12-10, 12-11	15%	15%	30%
			Total	50%	50%	100%

MATHEMATICS **S**TANDARD 1

		Timing	Outcomes MS1	Com	ponents	Weight
Task	Description			Understanding, Fluency and Communication	Problem Solving, Reasoning and Justification	
1	In-class Assessment: Rates, Investment, Right Angle Triangles	Term 4 Week 10	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-5, 12-7, 12-11	15%	10%	25%
2	Investigation Task Networks and Paths	Term 1 Week 6	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8, 12-11	10%	10%	20%
3	In-class Assessment: Types of Relationships, Statistical Analysis	Term 2 Week 8	12-1, 12-2, 12-4, 12-5, 12-9, 12-11	10%	15%	25%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-8 12-9, 12-10, 12-11	15%	15%	30%
			Total	50%	50%	100%

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PDHPE)

Task Description			Outcomes -	Com	ponents	Weight
	Timing MS1		Understanding, Fluency and Communication	Problem Solving, Reasoning and Justification		
1	Core 1	Term 4 Week 9	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H14, H15, H16, H17	10%	10%	20%
2	Core 2	Term 1 Week 7	H7, H8, H9, H10, H11, H16, H17	10%	10%	20%
3	Options: Improving Performance and Sports Medicine	Term 2 Week 9	H7, H8, H9, H10, H16, H17	10%	20%	30%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H7, H8, H9, H10, H11, H14, H15, H16, H17	10%	20%	30%
	•		Total	50%	50%	100%

PHYSICS

				Comp	onents	
Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes	Skills in Working Scientifically	Knowledge and Understanding	Weight
1	Topic Test: Advanced Mechanics	Term 4 Week 9	12-4, 12-6, 12-7, 12-12	10%	10%	20%
2	Depth Study	Term 1 Week 10	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-13	30%		30%
3	Topic Test: Nature of Light	Term 2 Week 9	12-4, 12-6, 12-7, 12-14	10%	10%	20%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-7, 12-12, 12- 13, 12-14, 12-15	10%	20%	30%
			Total	60%	40%	100%

SOFTWARE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT (SDD)

				Comp	onents	
Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes	Knowledge and Understanding of Course Content	Knowledge and Skills in the Design and Development of Software Solutions	Weight
1	Option Topic	Term 4 Week 9	H2.2, H3.1, H6.1, H6.2	7%	8%	15%
2	Standard Algorithms	Term 1 Week 10	H1.1, H1.2, H4.1, H6.1	13%	12%	25%
3	Software Design Project	Term 2 Week 9	H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, H2.1, H2.2, H3.1, H4.1, H4.2, H4.3, H5.3, H6.1, H 6.3, H6.4	15%	15%	30%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, H3.1, H3.2, H4.1, H4.2, H4.3, H5.1, H5.2, H5.3, H5.4, H6.1, H6.2, H6.3, H6.4	15%	15%	30%
			Total	50%	50%	100%

SPORT, LIFESTYLE AND RECREATION (SLR, CEC)

				Comp	onents	
Task	Description	Timing	Outcomes	Knowledge and Understanding of Course Content	Knowledge and Skills in the Design and Development of Software Solutions	Weight
1	Individual Games and Sports Application	Ongoing Assessment of Practical Activities	1.1, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.4, 4.4	20%	10%	30%
2	Social Perspectives of Games and Sports	Term 4 Week 8	1.5, 2.3, 3.5, 4.3	15%	5%	20%
3	Outdoor Education	Term 1 Week 6	1.1, 1.3, 2.1, 3.1, 3.1, 4.1, 4.4	15%	5%	20%
4	Final Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.5, 3.2, 3.6, 3.7, 4.1, 4.3		30%	30%
			Total	50%	50%	100%

VISUAL ARTS

Task I		Timing	Outcomes -	Comp	Mainha	
	Description			Art Making	Art criticism and art history	Weight
1	Body of work, VAPD progress assessment	Term 1 Week 8	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5	20%		20%
2	Essay based on two case studies	Term 2 Week 4	H7, H8, H9, H10		20%	20%
3	Final body of work and VAPD	Term 2 Week 10	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6	30%		30%
4	Trial HSC Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	H7, H8, H9, H10		30%	30%
			Total	50%	50%	100%

WORK STUDIES (CEC)

Task		Timing	Outcomes	Compo	Maria I	
	Description			Knowledge and Understanding	Skills	Weight
1	Investigation and Enterprise	Term 4 Week 7	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-5, 12-7, 12-8, 12-9	10%	10%	20%
2	Personal Budget	Term 1 Week11	12-4, 12-5, 12-7, 12-8	5%	20%	25%
3	Work Placement Diary	Term 2 Week 10	12-1, 12-2, 12-4, 12-6, 12-8	5%	25%	30%
4	Final Examination	Term 3 Weeks 5 and 6	12-1, 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-5, 12-6, 12-9	10%	15%	25%
			Total	30%	70%	100%

VET – CONSTRUCTION

CPC20211 Certificate II in Construction Pathways (Total of 240 indicative hours over two years)

School Based Assessment				
Task	Timing	Weight		
Trial HSC Examination	Term 3, Weeks 5 and 6	100%		

Course Requirements

Students must attempt all compulsory units of competency and a selection of units of competency from the elective pool. Students must also complete a minimum of 35 hours of mandatory work placement in both the Preliminary year and the HSC year. Ongoing assessment events will occur during class time.

Code	Unit of Competency	Pre-requisite Units	AQF status	NESA status	Indicative Hours
CPCCCM1012A	Work effectively and sustainably in the construction industry		Core	Mandatory	25
CPCCCM1013A	Plan and organise work		Core	Mandatory	10
CPCCCM1014A	Conduct workplace communication		Core	Mandatory	10
CPCCCM1015A	Carry out measurements and calculations		Core	Mandatory	20
CPCCCM2001A	Read and interpret plans and specifications		Core	Mandatory	20
CPCCWHS1001	Prepare to work safely in the construction industry		Core	Mandatory	10
CPCCOHS2001A	Apply OHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry		Core	Mandatory	15
CPCCCM2005B	Use construction tools & equipment	CPCCOHS1001A	Core	Mandatory	20
CPCCBL2001A	Handle and prepare bricklaying and blocklaying materials	CPCCOHS2001A	Elective	Elective	20
CPCCBL2002A	Use bricklaying and blocklaying tools & equipment	CPCCOHS2001A	Elective	Elective	10
CPCCCM2006B	Apply basic levelling procedures	CPCCOHS2001A	Elective	Elective	15
CPCCLA2011A	Handle carpentry materials		Elective	Elective	20
CPCCCA2002B	Use carpentry tools & equipment	CPCCOHS2001A	Elective	Elective	10
CPCCJN2001A	Assemble components	CPCCOHS2001A	Elective	Elective	15
CPCCJN2002B	Prepare for off-site manufacturing processes	CPCCOHS2001A	Elective	Elective	10
CPCCCO2013A	Carry out concreting to simple forms	CPCCOHS2001A	Elective	Elective	20

Competency-Based Assessment

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HSC Examination

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Work Placement

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VET – HOSPITALITY

SIT20316 Certificate II in Hospitality (Total of 240 indicative hours over two years)

School Based Assessment				
Task	Timing	Weight		
Trial HSC Examination	Term 3, Weeks 5 and 6	100%		

Course Requirements

Students must attempt all compulsory units of competency and a selection of units of competency from the elective pool. Students must also complete a minimum of 35 hours of mandatory work placement in both the Preliminary year and the HSC year. Ongoing assessment events will occur during class time.

Code	Unit of Competency	Pre- requisite Units	AQF status	NESA status	Indicative Hours
BSBWOR203	Work effectively with others		Core	Mandatory	15
SITHIND002	Source and use information on the hospitality industry		Core	Mandatory	20
SITXFSA001	Use hygienic practices for food safety		Elective/Stream	Mandatory	10
SITXWHS001	Participate in safe work practices		Core	Mandatory	15
SITHIND003	Use hospitality skills effectively	SITXFSA001	Core	Elective	20
SITXCCS003	Interact with customers		Core	Stream	15
SITXCOM002	Show social and cultural sensitivity		Core	Elective	10
SITHFAB004	Prepare and serve non- alcoholic beverages	SITXFSA001	Elective	Stream	15
SITHFAB007	Serve food and beverages	SITXFSA001	Elective	Stream	40
SITHFAB005	Prepare and serve espresso coffee	SITXFSA001	Elective	Stream	
SITHCCC006	Prepare appetisers and salads		Elective	Elective	25
SITHCCC002	Prepare simple dishes		Elective	Elective	20
SITHCCC001	Use food preparation equipment		Elective	Elective	20

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VET – PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (HORTICULTURE)

AHC20416 Certificate II in Horticulture (Total of 240 indicative hours over two years)

School Based Assessment				
Task	Timing	Weight		
Trial HSC Examination	Term 3, Weeks 5 and 6	100%		

Course Requirements

Students must attempt all compulsory units of competency and a selection of units of competency from the elective pool. Students must also complete a minimum of 35 hours of mandatory work placement in both the Preliminary year and the HSC year. Ongoing assessment events will occur during class time.

Code	Unit of Competency	Pre-requisite Units	AQF status	NESA status	Indicative Hours
AHCOHS201	Participate in work, health and safety process		Core	Mandatory	15
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds		Core	Mandatory	10
AHCPMG202	Treat plants, diseases and disorders		Core	Mandatory	20
AHCPCM201	Recognise plants		Core	Mandatory	20
AHCSL202	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing		Core	Mandatory	15
AHCWRK209	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices			Mandatory	15
AHCCHM201	Apply chemicals under supervision			Mandatory	20
AHCWRK204	Work effectively in the industry			Mandatory	20
AHCWRK201	Observe and report on weather			Mandatory	15
AHCWRK205	Participate in workplace communications			Elective	10
AHCNSY201	Pot up plants			Elective	10
AHCNSY203	Undertake propagation activities			Elective	20
AHCNSY202	Care for nursery plants			Elective	15
AHCMOM202	Orate tractors			Elective	20
AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment			Elective	15

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HSC Examination

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Work Placement

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