



13 November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Trial Online Literacy & Numeracy Tests
HSC Minimum Standards**

During Week 6 and 7 this term, students in Year 9 will have the opportunity to complete a **trial** of online literacy and numeracy tests. These tests are similar to those that students will complete to demonstrate they have met the HSC minimum literacy and numeracy standards to be eligible for the Higher School Certificate.

In 2018, the official online tests will begin, however students are being given access to the tests in reading, writing and numeracy as a trial in order for schools and students to see what the tests are like and the standard of achievement needed to pass the online tests in the future.

The results of the trial tests **will not** count towards students HSC minimum standards, however as a school we will be given feedback on student performance.

We are expecting that all students who did not achieve a Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN Reading, Writing and/or Numeracy tests will participate in this trial. The College has made arrangements for these students to take part in the trial tests. Students only need to complete the particular test in which they did not achieve a Band 8 or above in.

If students are unsure which trial tests they may need to do, they can speak with Ms Ferey to clarify which ones to complete.

The trial tests are on at these times:

Numeracy trial test	Reading trial test	Writing trial test
Wednesday 15 November Periods 3-4	Tuesday 21 November Periods 1-2	Thursday 23 November Periods 1-2

Attached to this letter is a flyer from NESA that explains the tests further.

If you have any questions regarding the trial HSC Minimum Standard tests, please contact Ms Candice Ferey at the College on 4754 8900.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Candice Ferey
Leader of Learning – Literacy and Numeracy

HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

PARENT INFORMATION ON THE TRIAL ONLINE TESTS

October 2017

Schools are trialling the online tests that will be used by students to demonstrate they have met the HSC minimum standard.



Current Year 9 students are the first cohort that need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy in order to receive their HSC.

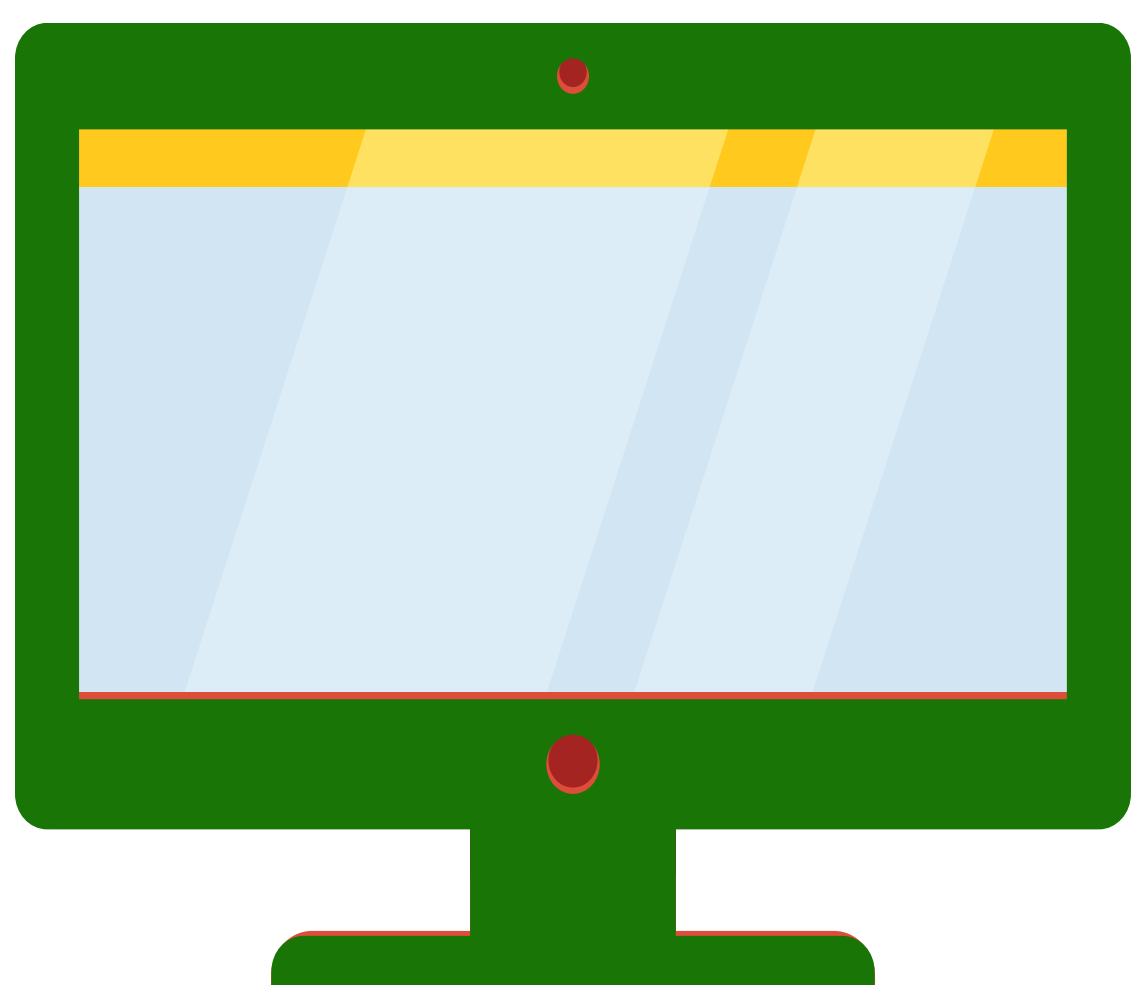
Most students will show they've met the standard through new online tests that can be taken during Years 10, 11 or 12. Students who achieved NAPLAN Band 8 in Year 9 have met the standard early and don't need to take the tests.

HOW THE TRIAL TESTS HELP NESA

To prepare for the tests in 2018, NESA needs to check the suitability of the questions. To do this, they have invited all current Year 9 students to trial the online tests in 2017.

Although Year 10 students do not need to demonstrate the HSC minimum standard to receive their HSC, NESA has also asked Year 10 students to help with the trial, in order to test the questions with a wider number of students.

HOW THE TRIAL TESTS BENEFIT YOUR CHILD



The trial assessments will take place at school and will:

- ✔ Allow Year 9 students to gain an early understanding of the test format
- ✔ Provide Year 10 students with experience of online test environments

As the 2017 tests are a trial, the results do not contribute towards your child's HSC minimum standard. However, schools will receive feedback on students' performance.

THE ONLINE TESTS FROM 2018

To meet the HSC minimum standard, current Year 9 students will have two opportunities a year from Year 10 to pass each online test.



Starting in 2018, these 45 minute tests will include:

- ✔ multiple choice reading test
- ✔ multiple choice numeracy test
- ✔ 500 word writing test

Sample test questions are available on the NESA website

<https://hsliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

The online test dates (school days only) for 2018 are:

- Term 1: 19 February to 23 March 2018
- Term 2: 21 May to 22 June 2018
- Term 3: 13 August to 14 September 2018
- Term 4: 5 November to 7 December 2018



MORE INFORMATION

Contact your school principal for more detailed information about the HSC minimum standard or visit the NESA website:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au>

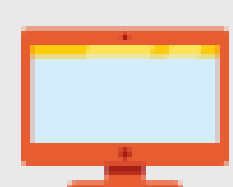
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