

Assessment Booklet Year 7



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Introduction

This booklet aims to give students, parents and caregivers information about the Stage 4 Assessment Policy and Schedules. Students, parents and caregivers are urged to read this booklet carefully. It is the responsibility of the student to be thoroughly familiar with the assessment process. Students who are unclear about procedures or their responsibilities should immediately arrange an interview with their Year Adviser, Careers Adviser or the Deputy Principal.

Students are expected to attempt all assessment tasks and to be present for all other learning experiences. Students are also expected to attempt all other assigned work such as homework, assignments and class work that may not be part of the assessment program but is still vital for students to achieve the outcomes of the course.

It is very important that students apply themselves to all the experiences of the course with diligence and sustained effort. In Year 7, 1 – 1.5 HOURS each night is considered the minimum amount of time students should give to their studies. This time will increase when assessment tasks, assignments and examinations occur. If this is balanced with regular exercise, a good diet and moderate social activities, students should have an enjoyable and successful year.

Course Requirements

For a student to be considered to have satisfactorily completed a course there must be, in the Principal's view, sufficient evidence that the student has:

- followed the course developed by NESAs;
- applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort; and
- achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

At Cromer Campus any student in danger of not satisfying course requirements may receive a Letter of Concern for the following reasons:

- Unsatisfactory attendance resulting in lack of participation in course experiences
- Being ill-prepared or ill-equipped for class work preventing participation in course experiences
- Failure to complete set tasks
- Failure to complete homework
- Failure to complete assessment tasks
- Failure to complete practical tasks
- Lack of participation in class work
- Failure to submit or present for assessment tasks

School Assessment Policy

1. Course guidelines set out the approximate timing for each task. Your class teacher will advise you in writing of the precise timing at least two weeks before the task is to be administered, and will at the same time inform you of the nature of the task and the outcomes to be assessed.
2. It is the student's responsibility to be alert to the notification of tasks. In case of absences from school, students will need to check with their teachers immediately upon their return. Absence from school when notification is given out will not be considered as a reason for the granting of an extension of time for an assessment task.
3. In Years 7 and 8 there will be a maximum of six tasks per year per course including one literacy task.
4. The school has endeavoured to structure the timing of assessment tasks to limit non-examination tasks to three per week where possible.
5. When the assessment task is returned to the student, teachers will supply the Grade awarded and written feedback as appropriate.
6. Students must demonstrate that they are serious candidates by their regular attendance in lessons and satisfactory completion of assessment tasks. They must present themselves on time at the place specified for each assessment task or hand in each assessment task by the time specified.
7. Students who complete all aspects of the assessment task and submit it on or before the due date are eligible for the full grade allocated for the task. Students who fail to submit an assessment task by the due date or to attend an assessment task at school may be given E grade if they have no valid reason (see point 9).
8. Assessment tasks must be submitted to the teacher concerned as specified on the assessment task notification. Failure to do so may result in an E grade being awarded and a Letter of Concern letter being issued.
9. Students who fail to attend an Assessment Task which is to be completed at school or to submit an assessment task by the due date but who have a valid reason (e.g. sickness) may be given an opportunity to do the task or an equivalent task at a later date. In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to give an estimated grade. These students will need to follow the Illness, Accident or Misadventure Procedures. If the application is granted these students will be eligible for the full grade allocated to the task.
10. Students who submit an incomplete task on or before the due date are to be allocated a grade. This grade is to be based on the proportion of the task completed. The task does not automatically receive an E grade. As an example,

if the task had six equally weighted components and a student attempted only three of these, that student would be eligible for up to 50% of the grade allocated to the task.

11. For examinations students must remain for the entire length of the examination. Students are subject to and required to comply with the procedures and rules published for examinations. Any student found to be disturbing the examination will receive an E grade for that task.
12. If a student submits a task which is deemed by the teacher to be a non-serious attempt, then an E grade may be awarded.
13. **MALPRACTICE** - An E grade will be recorded for tasks where malpractice is involved. Malpractice is defined as failing to comply with the assessment policy for Northern Beaches Secondary College Cromer Campus or dishonesty through cheating or plagiarising in Assessment Tasks or exams. **PLAGIARISM** is the theft of someone else's work. This includes copying the work of another person directly and intermingling it with their own work or simply presenting something that they did not write as your own. Cutting and pasting chunks of text from the net and presenting this as their own work is one example. Any assignments or assessment tasks submitted must be the student's own work. Plagiarism may result in the student receiving an E grade for that task. All students have the responsibility to protect their intellectual property (their own work). Students who are found to have knowingly allowed their work to be copied or who have given their work to another student may also receive an E grade for that task.
14. Students who choose to use a computer must ensure that work is handed in on time. Computer failure will not be accepted as a reason for lateness. Students should ensure that adequate backup systems are in place and that a hard copy is produced well in advance.
15. School Reports will include Achievement Grade, Areas of Learning, Overall Achievement Distribution, Class Attendance, Behaviour Expectations - Social and Learning Skills and teacher comments for each course.

A-E Common Grade Scale

The Common Grade Scale shown below is used to report student achievement in both primary and junior secondary years in all NSW schools.

The Common Grade Scale describes performance at each of five grade levels.

A Outstanding	Your child's achievement in this subject is outstanding. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of new and complex situations.
B High	Your child's achievement in this subject is high. They confidently apply their knowledge and skills in a range of familiar and new situations.
C Expected	Your child's achievement in this subject is at the expected standard. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations.
D Basic	Your child's achievement in this subject is basic. They apply their knowledge and skills in familiar situations with support.
E Limited	Your child's achievement in this subject is limited. They apply their knowledge and skills in some familiar situations with significant support.

Examinations

Half Year and End of Year Examinations are required in some subject areas in Years 7 to 10. Students should check the assessment schedules to determine which of their subjects this relates to and prepare appropriately.

Book Organisation and Equipment

All students at Cromer Campus are required to bring an exercise workbook and the necessary equipment, ie such as multiple pens and a calculator, to class. It is an integral part of being successful in their learning.

Students are expected to write their work in their workbooks and keep the workbooks neat and organised. To demonstrate the importance of note taking and organisation, as well as bringing the necessary equipment, an A to E grade will be reported in the student school reports for each subject.

Illness, Accident and Misadventure Procedures

It is the responsibility of the student to be present for or to hand in tasks at the required time. Students should read the calendar carefully and note the dates for when your tasks are due. Failure to meet these requirements will result in severe penalties.

The only exception to this rule will be in the cases of illness, accident or unavoidable misadventure. Please provide a written explanation to the school. The class teacher will arrange an alternative.

In cases of extended absence, a maximum time of two school weeks from the initial due date of the task will be allowed.

Students who are absent on the day a task is due must hand it in as soon as they arrive at school. If the task is to be completed in class, the student is expected to do this on the day that they return.

Students who are absent from school for school purposes such as authorised excursions should, as far as possible, submit assessment tasks before the activity. Otherwise assessment tasks should be submitted immediately on return to school.

The Illness, Accident and Misadventure Form (C) can be found on the school website or obtained from the Student Welcome Centre during break times.

School Website

northernbeaches-s.schools.nsw.gov.au/cromer-campus

COURSES

Languages - Chinese

Outcomes	
ML4-INT-01	Exchanges information and opinions in a range of familiar contexts by using culturally appropriate language
ML4-UND-01	Interprets and responds to information, opinions, and ideas in texts to demonstrate understanding
ML4-CRT-01	organises and responds to information and ideas in texts for different audiences

Assessment						
Due Date	Term 1 Week 10	Term 2 Week 8	Term 2 Week 11	Term 3 Weeks 8 - 9	Term 4 Week 8	Term 4 Week 10
Task	Spontaneous Conversation (Interacting: Speaking & Listening)	Examination (Understanding Texts: Reading & Writing)	Semester 1 Book Mark	Spontaneous Conversation (Interacting: Speaking & Listening)	Examination (Understanding Texts: Reading & Writing)	Semester 2 Book Mark
Outcomes Assessed	ML4-INT-01	ML4-UND-01 ML4-CRT-01		ML4-INT-01	ML4-UND-01 ML4-CRT-01	
Weighting	20%	25%	5%	20%	25%	5%

English

Outcomes				
EN4-R VL-01	uses a range of personal, creative and critical strategies to read texts that are complex in their ideas and construction	URA Representation Code and convention Connotation, imagery, symbol Point of view Characterisation Narrative	URB Theme Perspective and context Argument and authority Style	URC Genre Intertextuality Literary value
EN4-U RA-01	analyses how meaning is created through the use of and response to language forms, features and structures			
EN4-U RB-01	examines and explains how texts represent ideas, experiences and values			
EN4-U RC-01	identifies and explains ways of valuing texts and the connections between them			
EN4-E CA-01	creates personal, creative and critical texts for a range of audiences by using linguistic and stylistic conventions of language to express ideas			
EN4-E CB-01	uses processes of planning, monitoring, revising and reflecting to support and develop composition of texts			

Assessment						
Due Date	Term 1 Week 8	Term 2 Week 9	Term 2 Week 11	Term 3 Week 9	Term 4 Week 7	Term 2 Week 10
Task	Poetry Picturebook	Half Yearly Exams	Semester 1 Book Mark	Portfolio	Yearly Exams	Semester 2 Book Mark
Textual Concepts	Code and Convention Narrative Argument and Authority Style	Theme Connotation, Imagery, Symbol		Representation Characterisation Perspective and Context	UR-A UR-B UR-C	
Outcomes Assessed	EN4-URA-01 EN4-URB-01	EN4-RVL-01 EN4-URA-01		EN4-URC-01 EN4-EAC-01	EN4-RVL-01 EN4-URB-01 EN4-ECB-01	
Weighting	20%	20%	5%	25%	25%	5%

Human Society & Its Environment (HSIE)

Outcomes			
HT 4.1	Describes the nature of history and archaeology and explains their contribution to an understanding of the past	GE 4.1	Locates and describes the diverse features and characteristics of a range of places and environments
HT 4.2	Describes major periods of historical time and sequences events, people and societies from the past	GE 4.2	Describes processes and influences that form and transform places and environments
HT 4.3	Describes and assesses the motives and actions of past individuals and groups in the context of past societies	GE 4.3	Explains how interactions and connections between people, place and environments result in change
HT 4.4	Describes and explains the causes and effects of events and developments of past societies over time	GE 4.4	Examines perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues
HT 4.5	Identifies the meaning, purpose and context of historical sources	GE 4.5	Discusses management of places and environments for their sustainability
HT 4.6	Uses evidence from sources to support historical narratives and explanations	GE 4.6	Explains differences in human wellbeing
HT 4.7	Identifies and describes different contexts, perspectives and interpretations of the past	GE 4.7	Acquires and processes geographical information by selecting and using geographical tools for inquiry
HT 4.8	Locates, selects and organises information from sources to develop an historical inquiry	GE 4.8	Communicates geographical information using a variety of strategies
HT 4.9	Uses a range of historical terms and concepts when communicating an understanding of the past		
HT 4.10	Selects and uses appropriate oral, written, visual and digital forms to communicate about the past		

Assessment						
Due Date	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 7	Term 2 Week 11	Term 3 Week 7	Term 4 Week 7	Term 4 Week 10
Task	Task 1 In Class Writing Task	Task 2 Half Yearly Exam	Semester 1 Book Mark	Task 3 Museum Presentation	Task 4 Yearly Exam	Semester 2 Book Mark
Outcomes Assessed	GE4.2 GE4.7	GE4.7 GE4.8		HT5.1 HT5.6 HT5.10	HT4.6 HT4.8	
Weighting	20%	25%	5%	20%	25%	5%

Mathematics

Outcomes	
MAO-WM-01	develops understanding and fluency in mathematics through exploring and connecting mathematical concepts, choosing and applying mathematical techniques to solve problems, and communicating their thinking and reasoning coherently and clearly
MA4-INT-C-01	compares, orders and calculates with integers to solve problems
MA4-FRC-C-01	represents and operates with fractions, decimals and percentages to solve problems
MA4-RAT-C-01	solves problems involving ratios and rates, and analyses distance–time graphs
MA4-ALG-C-01	generalises number properties to operate with algebraic expressions including expansion and factorisation
MA4-IND-C-01	operates with primes and roots, positive-integer and zero indices involving numerical bases and establishes the relevant index laws
MA4-EQU-C-01	solves linear equations of up to 2 steps and quadratic equations of the form
MA4-LIN-C-01	creates and displays number patterns and finds graphical solutions to problems involving linear relationships
MA4-LEN-C-01	applies knowledge of the perimeter of plane shapes and the circumference of circles to solve problems
MA4-PYT-C-01	applies Pythagoras' theorem to solve problems in various contexts
MA4-ARE-C-01	applies knowledge of area and composite area involving triangles, quadrilaterals and circles to solve problems
MA4-VOL-C-01	applies knowledge of volume and capacity to solve problems involving right prisms and cylinders
MA4-ANG-C-01	applies angle relationships to solve problems, including those related to transversals on sets of parallel lines
MA4-GEO-C-01	identifies and applies the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals to solve problems
MA4-DAT-C-01	classifies and displays data using a variety of graphical representations
MA4-DAT-C-02	analyses simple datasets using measures of centre, range and shape of the data
MA4-PRO-C-01	solves problems involving the probabilities of simple chance experiments

Assessment						
Due Date	Term 1 Week 5 & 10	Term 2 Week 5, 9 & 11	Term 2 Week 11	Term 3 Week 5 & 10	Term 4 Week 2, 4 & 7	Term 4 Week 10
Task	Topic Tests	Half-Yearly Examination Topic Tests	Semester 1 Book Mark	Topic Tests	Yearly Examination Topic Tests	Semester 2 Book Mark
Outcomes Assessed	MA4-FRC-C-01	MA4-FRC-C-01 MA4-ALG-C-01 MA4-INT-C-01		MA4-LIN-C-01 MA4-FRC-C-01	MA4-LIN-C-01 MA4-FRC-C-01 MA4-LEN-C-01 MA4-ARE-C-01	
Weighting	20%	35%	5%	20%	15%	5%

Music

Outcomes	
MU4-PER-01	uses performance skills to demonstrate understanding of the elements of music and communicate musical ideas
MU4-LIS-01	uses listening skills to describe music in relation to stylistic, cultural, historical or social contexts and the elements of music
MU4-COM-01	improvises, arranges or composes using the elements of music to create musical ideas

Assessment							
Outcomes Assessed	Due Date	Term 1 Week 8	Term 2 Week 6	Term 2 Week 7/8	Term 3 Week 8	Term 3 Week 6	Term 4 Week 7/8
	Component	Task 1 Performance + In Class Listening Test	Task 2 Book Mark	Task 3 12 Bar Blues Composition + Half Yearly Exam	Task 4 Group Arrangement	Task 5 Book Mark	Task 6 Depth Study + Yearly Exam
MU4-PER-01	Performance 40%	10			15		15
MU4-COM-01	Composition 30%			20	10		
MU4-LIS-01	Listening 30%		5	10		5	10
Weighting	100%	10%	5%	30%	25%	5%	25%

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education (PDHPE)

Outcomes	
4.1	examines and evaluates strategies to manage current and future challenges
4.2	examines and demonstrates the role help-seeking strategies and behaviours play in supporting themselves and others
4.3	investigates effective strategies to promote inclusivity, equality and respectful relationships
4.4	refines, applies and transfers movement skills in a variety of dynamic physical activity contexts
4.5	transfers and adapts solutions to complex movement challenges
4.6	recognises how contextual factors influence attitudes and behaviours and proposes strategies to enhance health, safety, wellbeing and participation in physical activity
4.7	investigates health practices, behaviours and resources to promote health, safety, wellbeing and physically active communities
4.8	plans for and participates in activities that encourage health and a lifetime of physical activity
4.9	demonstrates self-management skills to effectively manage complex situations
4.10	applies and refines interpersonal skills to assist themselves and others to interact respectfully and promote inclusion in a variety of groups or contexts
4.11	demonstrates how movement skills and concepts can be adapted and transferred to enhance and perform movement sequences

Assessment								
Date Due	Term 1 Week 6	Term 1 Week 8	Term 2 Week 7	Term 2 Week 11	Term 3 Week 7	Term 4 Week 7	Ongoing	Term 4 Week 10
Task	Task 1 Character Strengths Reflection Task	Task 2 In-Class Writing Task	Task 3 Half Yearly Exam	Semester 1 Book Mark	Task 4 In-Class Writing Task	Task 5 Yearly Exam	Task 6 Practical Assessments	Semester 2 Book Mark
Outcomes Assessed	4.2, 4.6, 4.7	4.1, 4.6, 4.7, 4.9	4.3, 4.8		4.6, 4.7, 4.8	4.2, 4.6, 4.7	4.4, 4.5, 4.10, 4.11	
Weighting	10%	10%	15%	5%	10%	15%	30%	5%

Science

Outcomes	
SC4-WS-01	<i>Observing</i> - Uses scientific tools and instruments for observations
SC4-WS-02	<i>Questioning and Predicting</i> - Identifies questions and makes predictions to guide scientific investigations
SC4-WS-03	<i>Planning Investigations</i> - Plans safe and valid investigations
SC4-WS-04	<i>Conducting Investigations</i> - Follows a planned procedure to undertake safe and valid investigations
SC4-WS-05	<i>Processing Data and Information</i> - Uses a variety of ways to process and represent data
SC4-WS-06	<i>Analysing Data and Information</i> - Uses data to identify trends, patterns and relationships, and draws conclusions
SC4-WS-07	<i>Problem-solving</i> - Identifies problem-solving strategies and proposes solutions
SC4-WS-08	<i>Communicating</i> - Communicates scientific concepts and ideas using a range of communication forms

Assessment						
Due Date	Term 1 Week 7	Term 2 Week 8	Term 2 Week 11	Term 3 Week 7	Term 4 Week 8	Term 4 Week 10
Task	Task 1 Scientific Report	Task 2 Half Yearly Exam	Semester 1 Book Mark	Task 3 Cells and Classification	Task 4 Yearly Exam	Semester 2 Book Mark
Outcomes Assessed	SC4-WS-02 SC4-WS-03 SC4-WS-04 SC4-WS-05 SC4-WS-06	SC4-WS-06 SC4-WS-07 SC4-WS-08		SC4-WS-02 SC4-WS-03 SC4-WS-04 SC4-WS-05 SC4-WS-06	SC4-WS-06 SC4-WS-07 SC4-WS-08	
Weighting	22.5%	22.5%	5%	22.5%	22.5%	5%

Technology

Outcomes	
TE4-SDP-01	explains relationships between sustainability, design and production
TE4-PDP-01	describes the practices and processes of designers and producers
TE4-MSD-01	explains how materials, systems and components contribute to solutions
TE4-PPM-01	applies processes in the planning, management and production of projects
TE4-DES-01	communicates and evaluates design ideas and solutions
TE4-SAF-01	selects and safely uses tools, materials, technologies and processes
TE4-DIG-01	demonstrates technological literacy to safely interact in digital environments
TE4-DIG-02	uses data and digital systems to code, design and produce projects

Assessment				
Due Date	Term 2 Week 8	Term 2 Week 11	Term 4 Week 8	Term 4 Week 10
Task	Project 1	Semester 1 Book Mark	Project 2	Semester 2 Book Mark
Outcomes	TE4-SDP-01 TE4-PDP-01 TE4-MSD-01 TE4-PPM-01 TE4-DES-01 TE4-SAF-01 TE4-DIG-01 TE4-DIG-02		TE4-SDP-01 TE4-PDP-01 TE4-MSD-01 TE4-PPM-01 TE4-DES-01 TE4-SAF-01 TE4-DIG-01 TE4-DIG-02	
Weighting	45%	5%	45%	5%

Visual Arts

Outcomes	
4.1	Uses a range of strategies to explore different artmaking conventions and procedures to make artworks
4.2	Explores the function of and relationships between artist – artwork – world – audience
4.3	Makes artworks that involve some understanding of the frames
4.4	Recognises and uses aspects of the world as a source of ideas, concepts and subject matter in the visual arts
4.5	Investigates ways to develop meaning in their artworks
4.6	Selects different materials and techniques to make artworks
4.7	Explores aspects of practice in critical and historical interpretations of art
4.8	Explores the function of and relationships between the artist – artwork – world – audience
4.9	Begins to acknowledge that art can be interpreted from different points of view
4.10	Recognises that art criticism and art history construct meanings

Assessment						
Due Date		Term 1 Week 8	Term 2 Week 6	Term 2 Week 7	Term 3 Week 9	Term 4 Week 8
Outcomes Assessed	Task	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	Task 5
		SA Responses TEEL	VAD & BOW	Half Yearly Exam	VAD & BOW	Yearly Exam
4.1, 4.2, 4.3,4.4, 4.5, 4.6	Art Making 70%		35% (15% Bookmark)		35% (15% Bookmark)	
4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10	Art History & Criticism 30%	15%		5%		10%
Marks	100%	15%	35%	5%	35%	10%

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