



2025-2026 ASSESSMENT POLICY AND SCHEDULES



This booklet contains essential information for students attempting courses in Year 12 2025-2026. This booklet:

- Specifies the assessment tasks and the weighting for each task for each course
- Outlines the school's assessment policies and procedures

Please become familiar with this document and retain it for further reference.



Willoughby Girls High School

A Leader in Girls Education

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Willoughby Girls High School Assessment Policy Booklet contains important information which will assist you in fulfilling all the requirements for the Higher School Certificate. This includes the rules, expectations, and procedures that WGHS will use when assessing student achievement during the HSC year. Most importantly, it sets out the School Assessment Procedures, which must be adhered to so that everyone is treated fairly and equitably.

There are specific rules and policies that govern the obligation of the student and the school with regards to HSC assessment and unforeseen circumstances. These rules and procedures are all contained in this booklet allowing student's access to the necessary steps and support when unexpected events and circumstances impact on student's lives in the HSC year. This booklet and policy will be used by the school when reviewing any variation to the planned assessment process the school has in place.

The NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA), the Department of Education and Willoughby Girls High School have developed a number of procedures to ensure students are supported during the HSC. I encourage all students and their parents/caregivers to become familiar with the assessment requirements of each course studied and the overarching school assessment rules and policies.

Commitment, organisation and planning will be the keys to a successful year and I encourage all students to create their own personal assessment calendar. Importantly, plan your time to include those things that you enjoy such as exercise, reading and time with family and friends. This will ensure that you have balance during this year.

The booklet is issued to all students and is available on the school website allowing parents/caregivers and students access to assessment task information for each of the courses offered at WGHS.

Remember that all of you are very capable and when you do your best, you will achieve your goals.

I commend this document to you.

Mrs Adrienne Scalese
Principal

ASSESSMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURE

INTRODUCTION

This booklet explains the requirements for your Higher School Certificate Courses. Each student who completes the Higher School Certificate must have satisfactorily completed 12 units of Year 11 courses in previous years. Individual subjects may be completed in Year 11 if acceleration is taking place in one or more subjects. The HSC will only be awarded when 10 units of HSC courses have been completed.

PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE ASSESSMENT

Assessment is the broad name for the collection and evaluation of evidence of a student's learning. It is integral to teaching and learning and has multiple purposes. Assessment can enhance student engagement and motivation, particularly when it incorporates interaction with teachers, other students and a range of resources.

Assessment:

- Provides opportunities for teachers to gather evidence about student achievement in relation to syllabus outcomes
- Enables students to demonstrate what they know and can do
- Clarifies student understanding of concepts and promotes deeper understanding
- Provides evidence that current understanding and skills are a suitable basis for future learning.

Each assessment task should:

- Be based on syllabus outcomes
- Be a valid instrument for what they are designed to assess
- Include criteria to clarify for students what aspects of learning are being assessed
- Enable students to demonstrate their learning in a range of task types
- Be reliable, measure what the task intends to assess, and provide accurate information on each student's achievement
- Be free from bias and provide evidence that accurately represents a student's knowledge, understanding and skills
- Enable students and teachers to use feedback effectively and reflect on the learning process
- Be inclusive of and accessible for all students
- Be part of an ongoing process where progress is monitored over time.

Assessment for, Assessment as, Assessment of Learning

Assessment is an essential component of the teaching and learning cycle. Assessment for, assessment as and assessment of learning are approaches that enable teachers to gather evidence and make judgements about student achievement. These are not necessarily discrete approaches and may be used individually or together and formally or informally.

Assessment for Learning

Assessment for learning involves teachers using evidence about students' knowledge, understanding and skills to inform their teaching. Sometimes referred to as 'formative assessment', it usually occurs throughout the teaching and learning process to clarify student learning and understanding.

Assessment for learning:

- Reflects a view of learning in which assessment helps students learn better, rather than just receive a better mark
- Involves formal and informal assessment activities as part of learning and to inform the planning of future learning
- Includes clear goals for the learning activity
- Provides effective feedback that motivates the learner and can lead to improvement
- Reflects a belief that all students can improve
- Encourages self-assessment and peer assessment as part of the regular classroom routines
- Involves teachers, students and parents reflecting on evidence
- Is inclusive of all learners.

Assessment as Learning

Assessment as learning occurs when students are their own assessors. Students monitor their own learning, ask questions and use a range of strategies to decide what they know and can do, and how to use assessment information for new learning.

Assessment as learning:

- Encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning
- Requires students to ask questions about their learning
- Involves teachers and students creating learning goals to encourage growth and development
- Provides ways for students to use formal and informal feedback and self-assessment to help them understand the next steps in learning
- Encourages peer assessment, self-assessment and reflection.

Assessment of Learning

Assessment of learning assists teachers in using evidence of student learning to assess achievement against outcomes and standards. Sometimes referred to as 'summative assessment', it usually occurs at defined key points during a teaching unit or at the end of a unit, term or semester, and may be used to rank or grade students. The effectiveness of assessment of learning for grading or ranking purposes depends on the validity, reliability and weighting placed on any one task. Its effectiveness as an opportunity for learning depends on the nature and quality of the feedback.

Assessment of learning:

- Is used to plan future learning goals and pathways for students
- Provides evidence of achievement to the wider community, including parents, educators, the students themselves and outside groups
- Provides a transparent interpretation across all audiences.

The approach or approaches used will be informed by:

- The evidence of student learning to be gathered
- The processes for gathering the evidence
- The feedback to be provided to students.

For example, formal assessment provides an opportunity to collect evidence of student learning and may be used for grading and ranking purposes (assessment of learning) as well as informing feedback for students to improve their learning (assessment for learning).

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Performance in the Higher School Certificate Assessment is as important as the student's performance in the Higher School Certificate Examination. NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has set requirements for both schools and students. (Syllabus and assessment information is available on the following website: <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/Understanding-the-curriculum/syllabuses-a-z>). Students must ensure they are aware of these requirements. Further information on requirements for the award of the Higher School Certificate or any other information relating to senior assessment can be obtained from the Year Adviser, relevant Head Teacher, Deputy Principal or Principal.

The Higher School Certificate

To be eligible for the award of the HSC, students must:

- a. have completed Year 10, and
- b. have attended a government school, an accredited non-government school, a school outside NSW recognised by NESA or a TAFE NSW institute, and
- c. have completed All My Own Work (AMOW) or its equivalent, and
- d. have demonstrated the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy, and
- e. have satisfactorily completed courses that comprise the pattern of study required by NESA for the award of the HSC, and
- f. undertake and make a serious attempt at the requisite HSC exams.

Pattern of Study and course requirements

You must satisfactorily complete:

- A Year 11 pattern of study that includes at least 12 units
- An HSC pattern of study that includes at least 10 units

Both patterns of study must include at least:

- 6 units of Board Developed Courses
- 2 units of a Board Developed Course in English
- 3 courses of 2 or more units (either Board Developed or Board Endorsed Courses)
- 4 subjects

Some courses have certain rules and prerequisites for example:

- You can enrol in an extension course, only if you are enrolled in the corresponding 2-unit course
- Where courses have an optional exam, you can only enrol in the optional exam, if you have enrolled in the corresponding course (or in the case of VET the 240-hour course)
- You cannot do more than one non-extension course from a subject (eg you cannot do Mathematics Standard and Mathematics Advanced).

There are also specific eligibility rules for some Language courses, such as Beginners and Heritage, to ensure your course is at the appropriate level for your HSC examination.

Enrolling in a course that you are not eligible for could put your HSC at risk, so carefully check your eligibility for all courses you are entered for. You can find out more about [eligibility, rules and prerequisites](#) on the NESA website.

Additional rules apply if you want an ATAR. [The ATAR eligibility rules](#) are determined by UAC.

Types of HSC courses

Board Developed courses are the large number of courses set and examined by Education Standards that also contribute to the calculation of the ATAR. View a list of all [Board Developed Courses broken down by subject](#).

Board Endorsed courses are developed by schools, TAFE and universities. They count towards your HSC but do not have an HSC examination and do not contribute towards the calculation of your ATAR.

Special education (Life Skills) - If you have special education needs you can attain your HSC by studying Life Skills courses. There are specific entry requirements for the Life Skills courses and you still need to meet the general eligibility and study patterns to earn your HSC. You will need to talk with your Year Adviser or Careers Adviser to find out whether these courses are suitable for you. Life Skills courses do not count towards the ATAR.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) - VET courses can be studied either at school or through TAFE NSW and other training providers. You will need to check with your school about which courses are available and the requirements of the different courses. For example, some VET courses require a minimum number of hours in the work place.

VET courses contribute towards your HSC and Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) VET credentials, and are recognised by industry and employers throughout Australia. Some Board Developed VET courses have an optional HSC exam so, if you choose to sit the exam, your results may also contribute to the calculation of your ATAR. Check with your school about whether this will be possible for you.

Where a student is undertaking a VET course:

1. Schools and delivering RTOs must develop a formal assessment program for each Stage 6 VET course.
2. Schools must, at the commencement of a VET course:

- a. provide students with the formal assessment program. The formal assessment program must detail course-specific requirements, including:
 - i. the number and type of assessment tasks, including units of competency assessed in each, and
 - ii. the timing of assessment tasks
- b. provide students with written advice about the school's policies and procedures for assessment, which must include:
 - i. the school's malpractice policy, and
 - ii. details of administrative arrangements, including:
 1. student absences on the day of an assessment task
 2. late submission of assessment tasks
 3. the school's illness/misadventure procedures for illness/misadventure suffered immediately before or during an assessment task
 - iii. procedures to be implemented if assessment tasks produce invalid or unreliable results, and
 - iv. procedures for reviewing student appeals arising from assessment tasks. The school's review procedures must be based on feedback on a student's achievement during the course.

Satisfactory completion of a course

Students will be considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if, in the Principal's view there is sufficient evidence that they have:

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

Satisfactory completion of a course involves participation in experiences, which are integral requirements of the syllabus including aspects such as assignments, class participation and practical work. For courses where school-based assessment marks are submitted, students must make a genuine attempt at assessment tasks that contribute more than 50% of the available marks. It is emphasised that completion of assessment tasks worth exactly 50% is not sufficient; tasks worth more than 50% must be attempted. Furthermore, the student must fulfil the course completion criteria.

For most VET Industry Curriculum Framework courses and some VET Board Endorsed courses, you must undertake set work placement hours to develop industry competencies and practise learned skills. You must complete any required work placement to complete these courses. If mandatory work placements are not completed, the school will issue the student with a non-completion of course determination.

If at any time it appears that a student is at risk of being given an 'N' (non-completion of course requirements) determination in any course, the school will give the student a written warning in time for the student to meet criteria 1 to 3 above and advise the parent/caregiver. Student absences will be regarded seriously as absence will make it difficult for the course completion criteria to be met.

The warning will be given in time for the problem to be corrected and will provide advice about the possible consequences on Higher School Certificate eligibility of an 'N' determination in a course.

The Principal will:

- a. Advise the student in writing of the tasks or actions to be undertaken in time for the problem to be corrected and alert the student to the possible consequences of an 'N' determination (see Appendix 4 for a sample copy of Official Warning Letter);
- b. Advise the parent or guardian in writing;
- c. Request from the student or parent/guardian a written acknowledgement of the warning;
- d. Issue at least one follow-up warning if the first letter is not effective; and
- e. Retain copies of all relevant documents.

Students who have not complied with the requirements for satisfactory completion of a course at the time of finalising assessments cannot be regarded as having satisfactorily completed the course. The Principal will then issue a non-completion determination and advise NESAs.

There is a formal appeals process available to all students and this can be explained by the Year Adviser, Deputy Principal or Principal.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE CREDENTIALS

THE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

School-based assessment tasks will contribute to 50% of your marks for the Higher School Certificate. Your school assessment mark will be based on your performance in assessment tasks undertaken during each course. The other 50% of the marks will be based on your performance in the HSC examination for each subject.



The Higher School Certificate is a **testamur** document, issued by NESAs, which states that a student has met all the requirements and has been awarded an HSC.

Eligible students upon completing their HSC will receive the following credentials:

- The Higher School Certificate Testamur – This shows that a student is eligible for the Higher School Certificate. It includes name, school and date of the award. The HSC Testamur is delivered by post in January. Students are able to download their credentials via their Students Online account.
- Higher School Certificate Record of Achievement – The Higher School Certificate (HSC), Record of Achievement (RoA) including Year 11 (Stage 6) grades, and if applicable, Year 10 (Stage 5) grades.

Additional Information: The NESA publication, Higher School Certificate (HSC) Rules and Procedures guide, contains the main rules and requirements you will need to know. This document is available at [2024 Rules and Procedures guide | NSW Education Standards](#)

To receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), you must study a minimum of 10 Board Developed units in the HSC Course.

THE HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Higher School Certificate (HSC) Record of Achievement (RoSA) includes students' Year 12 HSC (Stage 6) results, Year 11 (Stage 6) grades and, if applicable, Year 10 (Stage 5) grades. Results for each Stage appear on separate pages.

This provides formal recognition of students' senior secondary school achievements.



Assessment mark: School-based assessment tasks measure performance in a wider range of course outcomes than can be tested in an external examination. Students are required to complete a number of assessment tasks for most courses, which may include tests, written or oral assignments, practical activities, fieldwork and projects. Schools submit an HSC assessment mark based on performance in these tasks for every student who completed an HSC course that has a compulsory external examination. NESA puts these assessment marks through a process of [moderation](#) to allow a fair comparison of marks in each course across different schools.

Examination mark: The examination mark for each course shows the student's performance in NESA's HSC examination for that course. The examination in most courses consists of a written paper and, for some courses, may include speaking and listening examinations, practical examinations, or major works that are submitted for external marking. Each student's achievement is assessed and reported against set standards of performance.

HSC mark: The Higher School Certificate mark in courses with a compulsory external examination is a 50:50 combination of a student's external examination mark and school-based assessment mark for the course. In courses with optional examinations, the HSC mark is drawn from the external examination only.

Performance Bands: A student's HSC mark is reported against standards described in the performance bands. For each 2-unit course there are six performance bands, where the highest achievement is Band 6 (90-100 marks) and where the minimum standard expected is Band 2 (50-60 marks). For 1-unit extension courses, four performance bands, E1-E4 are used to report student achievement. Each performance band describes what a student working at the level typically knows, understands and can do. Some performance descriptions are abridged on the Course reports.

Further information relating to standards-referenced assessment can be found at <https://arc2.nesa.nsw.edu.au/page/faq/course>

Year 11 (Stage 6) grades: Schools use the Common Grade Scale for Year 11 courses to award A-E grades for Year 11 courses (other than Life Skills and Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses).

Year 10 (Stage 5) grades: Schools use the Common Grade Scale and course performance descriptors to award A-E grades for Year 10 courses (other than Life Skills and Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses).

The HSC does not report a single, overall score.

MODERATION

For further information on moderation visit

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/about-HSC/moderation>

THE AUSTRALIAN TERTIARY ADMISSIONS RANK

The requirements for the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) are determined by the universities. The ATAR is calculated by the Universities Admissions Centre on behalf of universities in NSW. ATARs are calculated in each state to reflect a student's rank against other students in their state. In NSW, the ATAR is calculated and released by UAC. In the ACT, it's calculated by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies, in consultation with UAC, and released by schools. NSW and ACT ATARs are equivalent to those in other states. For example, an ATAR of 85.00 in NSW or the ACT is equivalent to an ATAR of 85.00 in other states.

The ATAR is a rank, not a mark

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a number between 0.00 and 99.95 that indicates a student's position relative to all the students in their age group (ie all 16 to 20 year olds in NSW). So, an ATAR of 80.00 means that you are 20 per cent from the top of your age group (not your Year 12 group).

Universities use the ATAR to help them select students for their courses and admission to most tertiary courses is based on your selection rank (your ATAR + any applicable adjustments). Most universities also use other criteria when selecting students (eg a personal statement, a questionnaire, a portfolio of work, an audition, an interview or a test).

Students wishing to have an ATAR calculated must ensure that this is recorded on their HSC Confirmation of Entry.

Students should refer to the Universities Admissions Centre website at www.uac.edu.au

SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

As part of the Higher School Certificate, students will complete school-based assessments, tasks such as tests, written assignments, practical activities, fieldwork and projects. Together, for most HSC courses, these contribute to 50 % of your final HSC marks. NESA's syllabus packages, including assessment and reporting documents, indicate the mandatory components for HSC assessment and the weightings to be attached to those components.

THE SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The NSW Education Standard Authority (NESA's) syllabus packages, including assessment and reporting documents, indicate the mandatory components for HSC assessment and the weightings to be attached to those components.

Each school will determine:

- a. The practical and written tasks, such as tests, assignments or projects, on which their assessments are to be based
- b. The weightings to be allocated to each task, except when these are specified in the syllabus package.

Schools are required to develop an assessment program for each of their courses.

This involves the following *responsibilities*:

a. Number of tasks

Identifying the number of tasks that will be used to measure students' achievement in each syllabus component

b. Weightings

Allocating weightings to each of the tasks in accordance with the components and weightings in the Assessment and Reporting document for the course

c. Scheduling tasks

Scheduling the assessment tasks for the HSC courses

d. Written advice to students

Providing students with written advice at least two weeks in advance about the school's requirements for assessment in each course. The advice given to students must include:

- i. the components and their weightings as specified in the assessment and examination materials on NESA's website
- ii. the general nature of each assessment task
- iii. a schedule of when assessment tasks are planned to take place, including adequate notice of the precise timing of each assessment task
- iv. the weight value of each task in relation to the total weighted mark for the course
- v. details of administrative arrangements associated with each task (e.g. how the school will deal with absence, late submission of tasks, illness/misadventure immediately before or during the task, etc.)

- vi. details of the school's policy on malpractice in assessment tasks
- vii. details of the procedures to be implemented if tasks produce invalid or unreliable results
- viii. details of the procedures for dealing with student appeals arising from assessment tasks
- e. Appropriate procedures for marking, recording and reporting students' performance on all assessment tasks
- f. Notifying parents/caregivers in writing of any missed assessment task or non-serious attempt
- g. Issuing standard NESA HSC Warning letters when performance in a course is in question.

Maintaining records

Schools are required to maintain records of marks awarded for each task identified as part of the assessment program of an HSC course.

Schools are **not** required to retain evidence of assessments such as test papers, assignments, projects, practical exercises, etc.

The teacher must assess the student's actual performance, not potential performance. Assessment marks must not be modified to take into account possible effects of illness or domestic situations.

Schools may offer, however, substitute tasks or, in exceptional circumstances, estimates based on other tasks if students have valid reasons for not completing individual tasks. This must be in accordance with the illness/misadventure provisions published in the school's assessment program. Attendance and application are not to be taken into account in either the final assessment mark or in any individual assessment task.

School Principals have the authority to grant disability provisions for assessment tasks.

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

This involves the following *responsibilities*:

- a. **Meeting course requirements**
Meeting all course and school requirements including attendance at classes
- b. **Applying diligence and sustained effort**
Applying themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set work and experiences provided in each course. This includes the ethical use of artificial intelligence. Some guidance on this is set out at Appendix 7.
- c. **Following assessment procedures**
Being aware of and following assessment requirements and procedures
- d. **Attending lessons**

Attending lessons regularly. Students who do not attend lessons regularly are unlikely to be able to demonstrate achievement of course outcomes and that they have applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort. Department of Education guidelines require that students must attend 90% of the time unless exempted by the Principal.

e. Making a serious attempt

Making a serious attempt in all assessment tasks. Students who do not make a serious attempt at assessment tasks in excess of 50% of the available marks will receive an 'N determination' for the course. This may result in a non-award in that course and if the course counts towards the ten units required to be completed for the award of a Higher School Certificate, the student may not receive a Higher School Certificate. This may also result in the student not being awarded an ATAR if this course counts towards her 10 units.

For all assessment tasks and examinations, the following will be treated as a non-serious attempt and a zero mark awarded:

- a. Answering only the multiple-choice questions and/or true/false and or matching etc
 - b. Presenting some or all of the responses so that they appear not to be genuine attempts to really answer the question/s asked. This may include copying or modifying some or all of the question/s or leaving a number of blanks
 - c. Including frivolous or objectionable material
 - d. Bringing unauthorised notes or electronic devices (mobile phones, smart watch, headphones/airpods) into the assessment or examination
 - e. Accessing and/or copying information from an electronic device
 - f. the unapproved use of generative artificial intelligence
 - g. Purchasing and modifying a commercial product and submitting this as their own project
 - h. Using online translation tools
 - i. Using erasable pens. Only non-erasable pens are to be used in assessment tasks including examinations. Queries regarding marked tasks will not be addressed if any part of the task has been completed with an erasable pen
 - j. Tasks will have to be redone in order to meet course outcome requirements, but the zero mark will remain
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- ***Personal honesty – work submitted must be the student's own work, and sources which have been consulted or quoted must be acknowledged (refer to All My Own Work)***
 - ***Understanding malpractice- see the section on malpractice on page 32***
 - Submitting all tasks on or before the due date
 - Being present for all 'in-class' tasks and examinations

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE BOOKLET AND TIME-FRAME

This assessment booklet provides you with an assessment schedule for each of your subjects (see pages 53-128). Each assessment schedule lists for each task: the approximate date (Term and Week), type of task, anticipated syllabus components, weightings and outcomes to be assessed, as well as the school assessment weighting.

No Variation To Routines will be scheduled **2 weeks immediately preceding** the Trial HSC examinations unless Principal approved.

NOTIFICATION OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Students will be notified of the **due date** and **details** of an assessment task in writing at least three weeks before the task. This notification could be received in hard copy or digitally via Google Classroom.

The written notification details of each task must include:

- a. The date and time of when the task will take place or when the task is due
- b. Syllabus outcomes assessed
- c. Components and their weighting as specified in the course assessment schedule
- d. The general nature (mode and type) of the assessment task
- e. The weight value of the task in relation to the total weighted mark for the course as specified in this policy
- f. Where appropriate, marking criteria/rubric/information about how the task will be assessed
- g. For a formal assessment task with more than one part, the task notification must detail the requirements for each part, including that all parts are to be submitted and/or completed together.

After the **written notification** has been issued, if a change of date for the completion of the task is required there is no need for three weeks' notice provided the task is not being brought forward. If there are **any changes of date, students will receive an amended written notification either in hard copy or digitally via Google Classroom.**

NOTE: The **written notification** has precedence over any information listed in the assessment schedules contained in this assessment booklet – that is, details of assessment tasks listed in the assessment booklet (such as type of task, syllabus components, weightings and outcomes to be assessed) may change from the date of issue of the booklet, so the written notification will be used to list the correct details for each assessment task. In some circumstances, it may be necessary to alter the date of the task (that is, term and week) from that listed in the assessment schedule in this assessment booklet. When this occurs, students will be informed of any changes to the date – in writing, and three weeks in advance. The Principal is to be consulted if it is not possible to give 3 week's notice for changed tasks.

Dates for assessment tasks will be submitted to the Deputy Principal responsible for the year group. Students are expected to perform/complete all tasks on the set date and sit for all

tests scheduled as part of this assessment program in an ethical and moral manner. In each case when submitting a hand in assessment task, students are required to use the **'Assignment/Assessment Task Cover Sheet'** included in this document (see Appendix 2). For a formal assessment task with more than one part, the task notification must detail the requirements for each part, including that all parts are to be submitted and/or completed together.

APPEALS

- a. Students have the right to appeal the processes related to an assessment task. They must be able to state specific reasons for an appeal and provide appropriate evidence related to the appeal.
- b. Performance in previous tasks is not considered grounds for appeal.
- c. HSC students, at the time of the announcement of the Draft Rank Order at the conclusion of the formal Year 12 lessons, have the right to appeal if they believe that their rank is anomalous. Such appeals can only relate to the accuracy of the school's records and its processes; there is no avenue for appeals related to the marks awarded. Students should contact the Deputy Principal to request a convening of the Assessment Reviews Panel.

Limitations on Assessment Appeal Applications

A student cannot submit an Illness Misadventure Application on the basis of:

- a. a computer/printer, file sent or USB failure
- b. misreading examination timetables or instructions
- c. other commitments, such as participation in external programs, work or sporting events, or attendance at examinations conducted by other education organisations unless leave has been approved by the Principal
- d. arriving late to a task unless circumstances beyond the student's control have occasioned the lateness. Extra time will not be given for a student who arrives late to an assessment task
- e. attendance at a sporting or cultural event, or family holiday, or
- f. if a medical certificate states 'unfit for work/school' without further specification
- g. alleged inadequacies of teaching, or
- h. long-term matters relating to loss of preparation time, or loss of study time or facilities, or
- i. long-term illness, unless the student has a 'flare-up' of the condition immediately before or during the assessment task, or
- j. disabilities for which NESAs has already granted disability provisions, unless:
 - i. an unforeseen episode occurs during the assessment task; or
 - ii. further difficulties with the approved provision occur during the assessment task; or

- k. matters avoidable by the student

ABSENCE WHEN A TASK IS NOTIFIED

Whenever a student is absent from school, it is **their responsibility** to ensure that they know what work has been missed and to catch up with that work. The same conditions apply if students are absent when written notification of an assessment task is issued. No automatic extension is granted to students who are absent on the day the notice of the task is given. However, if a student has had a prolonged absence, on the day of their return to school they may submit an **Illness Misadventure Application** to the Deputy Principal (or if absent to the Principal) (see Appendix 1 for a sample copy of form).

EXTENSIONS TO DUE DATES OR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

An extension of time for completion of tasks may only be granted by the Deputy Principal after consultation with the appropriate Head Teacher. Students must apply to the Deputy Principal using the school's **Illness Misadventure Application** (see Appendix 1) **as soon as they are aware** of the task. Extensions will only be granted in cases of severe illness on the day of the task or other exceptional circumstances. A medical certificate will be required in cases of illness. It is highly recommended that students request their doctor use the proforma provided on Appendix 3 of this policy for this purpose.

If an extension is not granted, you must submit the task on the due date. Unless prior application for an extension has been approved by the Deputy Principal, the late submission of a task will result in **ZERO** marks being awarded for that task.

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF ABSENCE

Where a student has a clash between an assessment task and a Principal approved school activity or leave, the student **MUST** notify the Deputy Principal. Students must complete an **Illness Misadventure Application before the end of the school day following the activity.**

Where a student knows in advance that they will be absent on the day of an assessment task, the student must notify the Deputy Principal, submit an **Illness Misadventure Application** and complete the work at a time specified by the Deputy Principal. Students who fail to complete the task before the due date and do not make arrangements for its completion on the specified date **MUST** complete an **Illness Misadventure Application.**

The school will always endeavour to minimise clashes with assessment task and school organised activities. Students must also make every effort to avoid clashes with assessment tasks.

ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS OR MISADVENTURE

Please note the following:

Illness or injury – refers to illness or physical injuries suffered directly by the student which allegedly affected their performance in the assessment task (e.g. influenza, an asthma attack, a cut hand).

Misadventure – refers to any other event beyond the student’s control which allegedly has affected their performance in the assessment task (e.g. death of a friend or family member, involvement in a traffic accident, isolation caused by a flood).

For all illness or injury or misadventure, the Deputy Principal will verify the circumstances. It is the student’s responsibility to perform/submit all tasks which are part of the assessment program. Assessment tasks must be submitted by the due date or performed at the specified time. Should a task be submitted or performed late, without first gaining an extension from the Deputy Principal, then a mark of **ZERO** will be awarded. If an extension has been granted there is no mark penalty.

Absence from school on the due date for the submission of an assessment task, or on the day of an assessment task, will not be regarded as satisfactory grounds for the granting of an extension of time. This will not be varied unless there are **exceptional circumstances** and only after consultation with the Deputy Principal.

Students who are unable to complete a task on or by the due date due to approved absence, illness or misadventure may have adjustments made to the task or its submission date.

Students who sit an assessment task while ill cannot make a illness/misadventure claim, rather, their mark for the assessment task will stand. Further, students cannot make a claim for misadventure due to illness after they have sat an assessment task; rather, the mark for the assessment task will stand.

Illness during a task

In Year 12, students who suffer illness or misadventure during a task must inform the invigilator or examiner immediately. There are no circumstances in which misadventure applications for examination or other in-class tasks will be accepted without an accompanying statement from the invigilator/supervisor of the task and formal documentation; in no circumstances will misadventure applications be considered if they are made after the day of the task has passed. It follows that there is no avenue for misadventure after the release of marks.

In Year 12, students who do not complete an assessment task or examination with the cohort, due to illness or misadventure, will still be required to complete the assessment task, which may be an alternate task.

Students are advised to complete all assessment tasks to the best of their ability if it is at all possible and to advise the Deputy Principal **IMMEDIATELY** if circumstances will prevent them from doing so.

Students who are absent on the due date for the submission of an assessment task, or who are absent on the day of an assessment task, must submit an **Illness Misadventure Application** to the Deputy Principal.

A student may also submit an **Illness Misadventure Application** to the Deputy Principal if they believe that **exceptional circumstances** leading up to the task, or **exceptional circumstances** on the day of the task, adversely affected their performance in that task.

Students must immediately report to the Deputy Principal and submit an **Illness Misadventure Application** if they feel that an issue has arisen during a task which may have had an impact on their performance.

Where a student experiences an illness or other kind of long-term educational disadvantage, such cases will be accommodated through the UAC Educational Access Scheme (EAS) and not by consideration for illness and misadventure. Applications for EAS are made through the Careers Adviser.

Absence on the day an assessment task is to be submitted

A student who is absent from school for a valid reason on the school day before and / or on the day an assessment task is due to be handed in, has the responsibility to ensure that the completed task is submitted to the class teacher/ Deputy Principal before the **9.00am** on the due date, or carry out the following procedures:

- a. **Notify the school by telephone before 9.00am** on the day that the assessment task is due. Speak to the Front Office to make arrangements for the task to be submitted **AND**
- b. **Before 9.00am on the day of their return to school** (the first school day the student is not covered by the medical certificate), see the Deputy Principal to submit an **Illness Misadventure Application and submit the task**. The student must provide independent evidence of the facts, detailing why the circumstances prevented them from submitting the task on time. Details can be supplied on a confidential basis where necessary. Students who appeal on the grounds of illness must provide an original medical certificate stating the medical condition **for the relevant time period. MEDICAL CERTIFICATES OBTAINED AFTER THE EVENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. BACK DATED MEDICAL CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** It is highly recommended that students request their doctor use the proforma provided at Appendix 3 of this policy for this purpose. This is to be attached to the Application and given to the Deputy Principal before 9am on the day of their return to school (the first school day the student is not covered by the medical certificate). **A medical certificate that merely states a student was unfit for work/study is not acceptable.**

NOTE: In the case of a student being absent from school on the day an assessment task is due and the student did not make arrangements for the task to be submitted on that day, a **ZERO** will be recorded for that task if an **Illness Misadventure Application:**

- a. Has not been submitted to explain their absence or
- b. Has been submitted by the student but is not approved.

Absence on the day of an assessment task is to be conducted (exam, practical task, oral, test)

Students who are absent from school for a valid reason on the school day before and/or on the day of an assessment task MUST:

- a. **Notify the school by telephone by 9.00am** on the day of the assessment task and give an anticipated date for their return to school
- b. **Before 9.00am on the day of their return to school** (the first day the student is not covered by the medical certificate), see the Deputy Principal to submit an **Illness Misadventure Application**. The student must provide independent evidence of the facts, detailing why the circumstances prevented them from attempting the task. Details can be supplied on a confidential basis where necessary. Students who appeal on the grounds of illness must provide an original medical certificate certifying the illness **occurred on the day of the assessment task. MEDICAL CERTIFICATES OBTAINED AFTER THE EVENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. BACK DATED MEDICAL CERTIFICATES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** It is highly recommended that students request their doctor use the proforma provided at Appendix 3 of this policy for this purpose. This is to be attached to the Application and given to the Deputy Principal before 9am on the day of their return to school (the first school day the student is not covered by the medical certificate). **A medical certificate that merely states a student was unfit for work/study is not acceptable.**
- c. Be prepared to sit for the task, or if deemed appropriate, a substitute task, **on the day of their return to school** (the first school day the student is not covered by the medical certificate).

Where appropriate, the Deputy Principal may authorise the task, or a substitute task, to be given as soon as practicable after the student's return. Where appropriate, the Principal may authorise an estimate to be given.

Note: in the case of a student being absent from school on the day of an assessment task, a **ZERO** will be recorded for that task if an **Illness Misadventure Application**:

- a. Has not been submitted to explain their absence on the day of their return (the first school day the student is not covered by the medical certificate) or
- b. Has been submitted by the student but is not approved.

MISADVENTURE

The school recognises that students may have to prepare for assessment tasks in difficult circumstances, but it is not feasible to compensate students for difficulties in preparation. Since students frequently perform better in stressful circumstances than they expect, it is important to complete assessment tasks if possible rather than rely on estimations or predictions. However, if a student completes an assessment task but believes that short term **exceptional circumstances** leading up to the task, or **exceptional circumstances** on the day of the task, adversely affected their performance, the student MUST:

- a. **On the day of the task**, see the Deputy Principal to obtain an **Illness Misadventure Application** and to provide an explanation as to why they feel their performance in the assessment task has been adversely affected. The student must outline to the Deputy Principal an appropriate time-frame to complete the **Illness Misadventure Application**, with the necessary independent evidence of the facts, detailing why the circumstances adversely affected their performance. Details can be supplied on a confidential basis where necessary. Students who appeal on the grounds of illness **MUST** obtain a medical certificate **for the relevant time period**.
- b. **Return** the completed **Illness Misadventure Application** to the Deputy Principal, with the independent evidence, as per the time-frame agreed upon.

Note: If you are receiving disability provisions refer to page 40 of this booklet.

In the case of a student who has completed an assessment task and has submitted an **Illness Misadventure Application** but believes that short term exceptional circumstances leading up to the task, or exceptional circumstances on the day of the task, adversely affected their performance, the following will apply:

- a. If the assessment task appeal is not upheld, then the student will receive the mark they actually gained on the task
- b. If the assessment task appeal is upheld, then the student will receive either the mark actually gained on the task or an estimated mark (based on comparable assessment tasks), whichever is the higher. Before the final HSC assessment marks are calculated (that is, before the final school report and before the assessment marks are submitted to NESAs), the estimated mark for this task will again be calculated (based on comparable assessment tasks) and the student will receive either the estimated mark or the mark actually gained on the task, whichever is the higher.

Note: appeals initiated after assessment task results have been issued will NOT be considered in any circumstances.

ATTENDANCE ONE SCHOOL DAY BEFORE A TASK AND ATTENDANCE ON THE DAY OF A TASK

Students **MUST** attend all timetabled lessons on time (including period 0, 7 and 8) or scheduled school activities during the **1 day prior** to an assessment task. Where a task is due later in the day, then students must attend all lessons **prior to the task on that day unless approval has been given by the Deputy Principal**.

If a student fails to meet the attendance requirements above, she must provide independent evidence of the reasons, detailing why the circumstances prevented them from being at school or on time the day before to the assessment task, or why they could not attend all lessons on time prior to the task on the day of the assessment task. Details can be supplied on a confidential basis where necessary. Students who appeal on the grounds of illness must

provide a medical certificate certifying the illness **occurred during the day or week prior to the assessment task, or on the day of the assessment task (whichever is applicable)**. **Medical certificates obtained after the event will not be accepted. Back dated medical certificates will not be accepted. A medical certificate that merely states a student was unfit for work/study is not acceptable.**

If proof of illness or leave is not approved, then the student will be awarded a zero mark.

LATE SUBMISSION OF TASKS

All tasks are to be submitted by the designated time on the due date. All tasks submitted after this time will be deemed to be **LATE** unless there are exceptional circumstances. Tasks must be submitted in accordance with the instructions from the relevant faculty. All faculties must maintain a record of tasks submitted. Unless the Deputy Principal receives a completed **Illness Misadventure Application** that provides an acceptable explanation for the late submission of a task (see pages 20-24), the student will receive a **ZERO** mark for that task (see page 28).

INVALIDITY OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

WGHS has policies in place to ensure integrity of all assessment tasks. If, for any reason, a Head Teacher believes an assessment task may be considered invalid, unreliable or does not discriminate either before or after an assessment task has been issued, then the matter will be immediately raised with the Deputy Principal.

The Deputy Principal will then meet with the Head Teacher involved to determine if any part or all of the task should be deemed invalid or unreliable and the appropriate course of action.

If a task is deemed invalid or unreliable, and:

- a. has not yet been issued then a new task will be created. If this has an impact on the original date of the task, then the task date will be changed and the students notified in writing of the change in date.
- b. **has already been issued or completed**, then, one or more of the following processes will be implemented:
 - i. Negotiation with all students affected
 - ii. Implement an alternate task supplied for the whole or part of the original
 - iii. Mark adjustment to discount the invalid part of the test
 - iv. Other, as determined by the Head Teacher and Deputy Principal

The students and parents will be informed in writing and given two week's preparation time for the new task. Any NESA requirements for data collection, which affect the above policy will be considered by the Principal.

GRANTING OF AN ASSESSMENT TASK APPEAL

If an **Illness Misadventure Application** has been upheld, then the Deputy Principal may:

- a. Authorise for the student to complete the assessment task, or where appropriate, a substitute task, upon the student's return to school or as soon as practicable after the student's return
- b. Authorise for an estimate to be given in consultation with the Principal
- c. Grant an extension of time
- d. Determine an alternative procedure (in consultation with the Principal and the relevant Head Teacher).

Note: an Illness Misadventure application is no guarantee that the assessment task appeal will be upheld.

ASSESSMENT REVIEW PANEL

In exceptional circumstances where a student has had an assessment appeal determination as 'For Review' the following process will apply:

- a. An Assessment Review Panel composed at a minimum of a Head Teacher and one Deputy Principal will be convened.
- b. The task will be marked along with all others.
- c. At the end of the course, the Assessment Review Panel will then examine the marks awarded in relation to other assessment data and other relevant evidence of the student's level of achievement.
- d. If the mark achieved is commensurate with or better than expectations based on the other evidence, no action will be taken.
- e. If the mark is significantly below expectations, it will be set aside and an estimate substituted before assessment marks are submitted to NESAs and entered on the Report.
- f. In cases where an estimate is awarded, the Assessment Review Panel will exercise their professional judgement, using all available evidence of achievement, to provide the most accurate estimate possible. In the absence of good evidence, the Assessment Review Panel cannot predicate estimates on a student's potential or ability alone. The student's rank order in the course may not necessarily be maintained.
- g. Students are entitled to know estimated marks for tasks that are missed due to illness misadventure or have been reviewed.

If a student transfers from Mathematics or English Advanced to the Mathematics Standard/English Standard course during the HSC year and they have not completed a task in the alternate course then an estimate/s will be made by the Assessment Review Panel for the task/s they did not complete.

EXCURSIONS AND VARIATIONS OF ROUTINE

Students must attend excursions and variations of routine, which are part of the Higher School Certificate course assessment and complete the set work.

The school will always endeavour to minimise clashes with assessment tasks and school organised activities. No variations to routine will take place for Year 12 students two weeks prior to the Trial HSC Examination period. Students must also make every effort to avoid clashes with assessment tasks by advising the teacher who is organising the activity of any scheduled assessment tasks.

Students involved in a school organised excursion, or school organised commitment, that is on the week before or the day of an Assessment Task in another subject, do NOT have to complete an Assessment Task Appeal. In this case, the teacher organising the excursion/school commitment will have student attendance recorded with the relevant Head Teacher and the Deputy Principal.

TECHNOLOGY AND ASSESSMENT TASKS

Most students now use some form of electronic technology to produce their hand-in assessment tasks. Some assessment tasks will require that students submit the task in electronic form, and this will be specified when the task is set. All other tasks must be submitted in hard-copy format.

It is the responsibility of the student to back up all their work and to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent technology failure from hampering their ability to submit a task by the due date. Technology failure is NOT a valid reason for failure to submit an assessment task on time. Technology breakdown as grounds for an extension will only be considered in **extreme circumstances**.

To minimise problems in relation to technology, students should adhere to the following protocols:

- a. When working at home, continually back up all work on the hard drive of your computer and on an external portable storage media (such as a USB drive)
- b. When working at school, save the latest version of your work to your personal files on the school server
- c. Tasks which are to be submitted electronically should be checked well before the due date to ensure that the data can be accessed at school:
 - i. Check the compatibility of your home software with the school's technology
 - ii. Sound files should be saved as an MP3, Video/DVD and Digital Media should be saved as MP4, AVI or MOV files
 - iii. Save a copy of the final version of your task to an email address that can be accessed at school (such as your @education email account), as well as bringing it to school on external portable storage media and save to your google drive

- d. Students are to adhere to the instructions in regard to the proctoring of the task, this may include supervision by teams or other digital platforms and the integrity of the task must be upheld with no involvement from third parties
- e. Submission of any digital task within the due time is the responsibility of the student
- f. Digital submission of any task constitutes a digital signature that the student has submitted their own work

To submit a hard copy of your task, print the task at home to avoid any software incompatibility problems and to ensure that you do not encounter problems accessing the school computers (during busy times, you may have trouble accessing the school computers/printers). If you are unable to print your work at home, download the task onto external portable storage media (such as a USB drive) and bring it to school for printing or have the task saved to your google drive which can be accessed at school.

(Note: printing at school should only be a last resort and must be completed before the due hand in time).

ORAL/PERFORMANCE/PRACTICAL TASKS

Students must present oral/performance assessment tasks on the specified due date and at the allocated time. If required, students must show their teacher concrete evidence that the task has been completed on time. This may take the form of a written submission of what will be presented orally during the allocated time. On the specified day that the task is due, teachers will normally indicate the order in which they will make their presentations. Students must complete the task during the allocated time.

ZERO MARKS

A **ZERO** will be awarded when a student:

- a. Submits a task late without a valid reason
- b. Does not attempt the assessment task (non-attempt)
- c. Does not make a serious attempt at a task (non-serious attempt). A non-serious attempt is when a student submits an assessment task which shows little or no thought/effort, which is generally incomplete or which contains frivolous or objectionable material. Where the Deputy Principal deems a student to have made a non-serious attempt, a mark of zero will be awarded
- d. Is found to be involved in substantial malpractice
- e. Is absent one school day before an assessment task (without a valid reason)
- f. Is absent from or late to class one day before an assessment task

In such cases:

- a. Parents/guardians will be informed in writing
- b. Copies of the parental notification will be distributed to the Head Teacher, Year Adviser, Deputy Principal and Principal

Students who do not make a serious attempt at assessment tasks in excess of 50% of the available marks will receive an 'N' determination for that course. (See Appendix 4 for a sample copy of Official Warning Letter).

COMPLETION OF 50% OF AVAILABLE MARKS

In addition to any other set tasks and experiences in any HSC course, students must complete HSC assessment tasks that contribute in **excess of 50% of available marks** in the course for the Principal to deem them as satisfactorily completing the course.

If the Principal does not certify that the course has been satisfactorily completed, then the Principal will warn students and their parents/caregivers in advance if they are in danger of not meeting the assessment requirements of the course.

If the assessment requirements for the course have not been satisfactorily completed, then NESAs will be notified that an 'N' determination has been made for the course and the student will not receive an Assessment Mark or an Examination Mark for that course. (See Appendix 4 for sample copy of Official Warning Letter). In the case of Extension courses, students who fail to meet the assessment requirements for the common (2 or 3 unit) part of the course will not receive a result for both the Common and Extension courses.

NON-SERIOUS ATTEMPTS

NESA and WGHS expect students to make a serious attempt at all school-based Assessment Tasks, HSC exams, and HSC minimum standard tests.

HSC students who do not make a serious attempt in their Assessment Tasks or in the HSC exam may not receive a result in the course concerned. This may render some students ineligible for the award of the HSC.

To meet the eligibility requirements for the HSC, students must attend and make a serious attempt in all their HSC exams, Assessment Tasks and minimum standards tests.

For an HSC exam, Assessment Task or HSC minimum standard attempt to be considered a serious attempt, students must:

- a. respond to and demonstrate academic engagement, and
- b. answer in English, unless specifically instructed otherwise

Non-serious attempts include but are not limited to:

- a. answering only multiple-choice questions, and/or
- b. responses containing objectionable material:
 - i. abuse directed at a member of school staff, Presiding Officer or NESA, and/or
 - ii. obscene symbols, drawings, or comments, and/or
- c. engaging in malpractice.

Where a student makes a non-serious attempt in an Assessment Task, this may be deemed malpractice and/or a mark of zero may be awarded.

APPEALING A NON-SERIOUS ATTEMPT

HSC exams

Students identified as making a non-serious attempt in an HSC exam will not receive a result in the course. NESAs will:

- a. suspend the course at the release of HSC results
- b. notify the student of the decision, and
- c. provide the student with an opportunity to formally respond to the non-serious attempt determination.

To respond, students must:

- a. submit a response by the date outlined in NESAs's correspondence to justify why they should receive a result in the course, and
- b. include any supporting documentation they would like considered by NESAs in its review of the non-serious attempt determination.

NESAs may reinstate a course where there are reasonable grounds.

Students who fail to respond or provide insufficient reasons are subject to review by the Examination Rules Committee (ERC). The ERC may impose penalties, including:

- a. zero or reduced marks for the exam, and/or
- b. course cancellation.

Penalties imposed by the ERC may render the student ineligible for the HSC.

HSC minimum standard tests

Where NESAs determines a student has made a non-serious attempt at an HSC minimum standard test, it will not be used to demonstrate the HSC minimum standard. NESAs will:

- a. cancel the test result at the release of HSC minimum standard test results, and
- b. notify the student of the decision.

Students may appeal NESAs's non-serious attempt determination on the basis that:

- a. their responses do not constitute objectionable material, and/or
- b. they have reached the maximum number of attempts for the test.

To appeal, students must:

- a. submit a response to justify why they should receive a result in the test, and
- b. include any supporting documentation they would like considered by NESAs in its review of the non-serious attempt determination.

NESAs may reinstate an HSC minimum standard test result where there are reasonable grounds.

Where NESAs determines a student or post-school leaver has breached test rules, engaged in malpractice, or written an offensive response:

- a. the result of the test attempt will not be used to demonstrate achievement of the HSC minimum standard, and

- b. the student or post-school leaver is prohibited from re-attempting the test in the same domain for a minimum of 30 calendar days.

In exceptional circumstances, as determined by NESAs, a student may demonstrate the HSC minimum standard using alternative evidence if:

- a. the student is unable to demonstrate these skills in a minimum standard test, and
- b. the student has the required literacy and/or numeracy skills, and
- c. the student is enrolled in Year 12, and
- d. the student has met all other eligibility criteria for the HSC

WITHDRAWAL FROM A COURSE

Students may withdraw from an HSC course prior to the HSC written exam.

The school must advise students of any consequences arising from the change, including implications for eligibility and pattern of study requirements.

MALPRACTICE IN ASSESSMENT TASKS

Any student found involved in malpractice in completing an assessment task may be awarded a mark of **ZERO** for that task. They will be recorded on the NESAs Register of Malpractice for HSC assessment tasks. Malpractice includes but is not limited to those matters set out below.

1. The honesty of students in completing assessment tasks, exams, and tests underpins the integrity of the HSC. Dishonest behaviour carried out for the purpose of gaining unfair advantage in the assessment process undermines the standard of scholarship represented by the award of the HSC and constitutes malpractice.
2. Students are responsible for knowing and complying with NESAs ACE Rules and policies regarding malpractice, including:
 - a. All My Own Work (or its equivalent), and
 - b. HSC Rules and Procedures Guide, and
 - c. HSC minimum standard: Malpractice and breaches of test rules, and
 - d. HSC practical exams.
3. NESAs rules regarding malpractice must be read in conjunction with any course specific requirements outlined in NESAs syllabus packages including Assessment and Reporting information.

Types of Malpractice (including HSC submitted works and practical components, HSC exams, HSC hand-in and in-class assessment tasks HSC minimum standard tests and All My Own Work)

1. Malpractice is:
 - a. any dishonest behaviour and/or attempt to gain an unfair advantage over other students, and/or
 - b. knowingly assisting other students to engage in malpractice.
2. Malpractice in any form including use of artificial intelligence, plagiarism, collusion, misrepresentation, and breach of assessment conditions is unacceptable. NESAs treats allegations of malpractice very seriously and detected malpractice will jeopardise a student's award and achievement of the RoSA or the HSC.
3. Student conduct amounting to malpractice may range from unintentional failures to comply with assessment rules and procedures to deliberate attempts to gain an unfair advantage involving intentional wrongdoing.
4. Students who knowingly assist other students to engage in malpractice will be considered complicit in the malpractice.
5. Serious and deliberate acts of malpractice amount to corrupt conduct and, where appropriate, NESAs will report matters to the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by students

1. Where a teacher suspects that the student has used AI to complete all or part of an assessment task, the onus is on the student to show that the work submitted is their own and the following process will apply:
 - a. the teacher will ask the student to produce drafts of their work. This may include timestamps on an electronic document, logbook, process diary and/or other documentation to prove that the work was produced by the student
 - b. the Head Teacher of the relevant faculty will meet with the class teacher and the student to verify the authorship of the assessment task. The Head Teacher will make a determination about whether AI has been used in a manner that constitutes malpractice and a mark of zero may be awarded
 - c. the student may appeal the Head Teacher's determination in accordance with the 'Responding to an Allegation of Malpractice' section of this policy

Plagiarism

1. Plagiarism is when a student pretends to have written, created or developed work that has originated from another source.
2. When using work that has originated from another source, students must acknowledge the source material in accordance with course specific requirements.

3. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to:
 - a. copying someone else's work in part or in whole, and presenting it as their own, and/or
 - b. using material directly from books, journals, the internet, or any other offline/online resources, without appropriate acknowledgement of the authors and/or source, and/or
 - c. building on the ideas or words of another person without appropriate acknowledgement, and/or
 - d. using ideas, designs or the workmanship of others in practical and performance tasks without appropriate acknowledgement.
4. Using generative artificial intelligence when specifically prohibited as part of an assessment task; output has not been cited or has been used in a way that contradicts the school's assessment policy.

Collusion

1. Collusion is when a student inappropriately collaborates with another student, group of students, person, organisation, or entity to produce work that was meant for individual assessment.
2. Collusion includes but is not limited to:
 - a. sharing answers to an assessment with other students, and/or
 - b. submitting work that has been substantially contributed to by another person, such as a student, parent, coach or subject expert, and/or
 - c. contract cheating by outsourcing work to a third party, and/or
 - d. unauthorised use of artificial intelligence technologies.

Misrepresentation

1. Misrepresentation is when a student misleads or deceives others by presenting untrue information through the fabrication, alteration, or omission of information.
2. Misrepresentation can include but is not limited to:
 - a. making up journal entries for a project, and/or
 - b. submitting falsified or altered documents, and/or
 - c. impersonating another student, and/or
 - d. referencing incorrect or non-existent sources, and/or
 - e. contriving false explanations to explain work not handed in by the due date.

Breach of assessment conditions

1. All students undertaking an HSC exam or HSC minimum standard test must comply with the assessment conditions set by NESAs.
2. When assembling for, undertaking, and leaving the exam or test session, students are subject to the direction and supervision of the invigilator. At all other times, students must adhere to the rules prescribed by their school or alternate venue conducting the assessment.

- a. A breach of assessment conditions includes any breach of:
 - b. HSC exam rules and procedures, and
 - c. HSC minimum standard test rules and procedures.
3. Malpractice occurs when a student breaches the conditions set for assessment in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage.

Other examples of Malpractice include but are not limited to:

- a. Using online translation tools
- b. Using non-approval aides during an assessment task
- c. Altering an assessment task response after marking
- d. Submitting an assessment that was completed in a group and presenting it as individual work rather than completing it separately as per the notification
- e. Cheating in an assessment task, which can take a variety of forms including: copying work from another student during an assessment, continuing to work in a test after the working time has expired, referring to any unauthorised material in test conditions, communicating with another student and accessing unauthorised technology
- f. sharing information in person or on any digital platform about the questions or nature of the assessment to advantage another student
- g. resubmitting or recycling work. Resubmitting work might include handing in work for which you have already received feedback. Recycling could include submitting your own or someone else's work in full or in part on more than one occasion and includes the submission of tasks at more than one school
- h. Providing access to digital platforms to allow another person to engage in drafting and submission processes on your behalf

Other breaches of HSC exam/HSC minimum standard test rules

- 1. All students undertaking an HSC exam or HSC minimum standard test must comply with the assessment conditions set by NESAs
- 2. When assembling for, undertaking, and leaving the exam or test session, students are subject to the direction and supervision of the invigilator. At all other times, students must adhere to the rules prescribed by their school or alternate venue conducting the assessment.
- 3. A breach of assessment conditions includes any breach of:
 - a. HSC exam rules and procedures, and
 - b. HSC minimum standard test rules and procedures.

RESPONDING TO AN ALLEGATION OF MALPRACTICE

If an allegation of malpractice is made by the class teacher, invigilator, marker or student also undertaking the assessment task, it will be referred to the Head Teacher of the course. The Head Teacher will undertake an investigation and may resolve the issue at that stage. If the Head Teacher is unable to resolve the allegation, or any party is unsatisfied with its resolution the case will then be referred to the Assessment Review Panel for investigation where the

student(s) and their parents are made aware of the details and given an opportunity to respond. In the case of suspected malpractice, the student(s) suspected of malpractice will be required to provide evidence that all work is entirely their own. Such evidence might include but it not limited to the student(s):

- a. Providing evidence of and explaining the process of their work, which might include diaries, journals or notes, working plans or sketches, and progressive drafts to show the development of their ideas
- b. Answering questions regarding the assessment task, examination or submitted work under investigation to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skills.

The decision with regard to malpractice having occurred will be made by the Assessment Review Panel. The decision will be communicated in writing to the students with any penalty outlined. The student, in writing, must make any appeal against such a decision to the Principal, within 24 hours of the decision being taken.

Dishonest behaviour carried out for the purpose of gaining unfair advantage in the assessment process constitutes malpractice, or cheating. Malpractice in any form, including plagiarism, is unacceptable. NESA treats allegations of malpractice and detected malpractice very seriously and will limit a student's marks and jeopardise their satisfactory completion of the HSC.

If malpractice is proven, a mark of **ZERO** may be awarded. If zero is awarded for malpractice, the student is required to complete the task or components of the task, to demonstrate completion of the outcomes.

In all situations involving malpractice, the Principal will be aware of the circumstances and the malpractice will be registered on the school's and NESA's malpractice register.

QUERYING THE RESULT OF AN ASSESSMENT TASK

Disputes over an individual task must be raised first with the appropriate teacher and subsequently with the Head Teacher on the day the task is returned, and the task will be retained by the Head Teacher. The Head Teacher's decision is final. A teacher's professional judgement cannot be the basis of an appeal.

WARNING OF 'N' DETERMINATION

Students undertaking the HSC course must make a genuine/serious attempt to complete course and assessment requirements. These requirements include students applying themselves with diligence and sustained effort to set tasks and experiences provided for the course by the school, **regardless of whether or not these tasks contribute to the final assessment mark**. It is a matter for the class teacher's professional judgement to determine whether or not a student has made a genuine attempt to complete these requirements. Students must make a serious attempt at assessment tasks that contribute in excess of 50% of the available marks.

Students who are not meeting course and/or assessment requirements at any stage of the course will be informed, in writing, of the potential of an 'N' determination in the course. Students and parents/guardians will be informed of the problem, in writing, allowing sufficient time for the problem to be corrected, thus enabling the student to meet the course and/or assessment requirements satisfactorily. The school will retain copies of all relevant documentation.

Further information

A copy of the **Assessment, Certification and Examination (ACE) Manual** is available on the NESAs website (in the Manuals section). The URL is: <https://curriculum.nsw.edu.au/ace-rules>

'N' DETERMINATIONS AND APPEALS

Any student who is at risk of not meeting course and/or assessment requirements will be notified via official school documentation. (See Appendix 4 for a sample copy of Official Warning Letter). The purpose of the warning is to give the student sufficient time and opportunity to correct the identified problem(s).

If a student fails to meet course and assessment requirements in an HSC course, an 'N' determination will be given. This means that the course will not be listed on the student's Record of Achievement, and it may also mean the possible withholding of the whole Higher School Certificate. Until a student has satisfactorily completed 12 units of Year 11 courses and 10 units of HSC courses which fulfil the NESAs pattern of study requirements, they will not be eligible for the award of the HSC.

In the case of extension courses, students who fail to meet the assessment requirements of the co-requisite 2 unit course will not receive a result in either course.

The final decision regarding an 'N' determination recommendation will be made by the Principal. Any student given an 'N' determination has the right to appeal against the decision. The appeal review will be conducted by the Principal and the two Deputy Principals. The outcome of the appeal will be notified to the student, the parents/caregivers and NESAs.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF FINAL MARK

The final HSC assessment mark for each course is confidential and cannot be given to students.

ORDER OF MERIT/FINAL RANKING

Students will be given feedback from time to time as to their ongoing rank in any course. Students can access their Assessment Rank Order Notice after the last HSC examination has occurred. The notice must be available to students within the period that appeals can be made. Students may also see their final rank in each course by using the Students Online service.

DETERMINING FINAL SCHOOL-BASED ASSESSMENT HSC COURSE RANK

At the end of the HSC course, students will receive their final school-based assessment rank based on the marks assigned to the various assessment tasks. This final school-based

assessment rank is reached by the aggregation of the assessment task marks for each student.

Students will not be provided with their final submitted school-based assessment mark.

REVIEW OF ASSESSMENT RANK

Should any ranking differ from that expected, based upon previous information, a review of the ranking may be requested by the student before the due date indicated by NESAs. Marks awarded by teachers for individual assessment tasks are **not** subject to this appeal mechanism.

The school's Assessment Review Panel will carry out a review to establish whether:

- a. The weightings specified by the school assessment schedules conform with NESAs requirements
- b. The procedures used by the school for determining the final assessment mark conform with its stated assessment schedule (in particular the weightings used for the various tasks and consistent with those specified in the assessment schedule)
- c. There are no computational or other clerical errors in the determination of the assessment mark.

If the school's review panel is satisfied that these conditions have been met, there will be no change to the assessment and the final rank will remain the same.

A further appeal may be lodged through the Principal to NESAs if the student is dissatisfied with the school review procedures.

ASSESSMENT TASK APPEAL APPLICATIONS BASED ON SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

The **Illness Misadventure Application** must be submitted to the Deputy Principal by 3.00pm on the first day of return to school. Only information provided with the application will be considered as part of the appeal process. Where a medical issue has occurred, the Illness/Misadventure Application must be supported by contemporary medical evidence provided by a health practitioner, this could include a GP or pharmacist. The Deputy Principal assesses the assessment task appeal application to determine whether the student's application is to be upheld or declined. An **'Upheld'** determination is made after assessing that the student has followed the appropriate process to apply for consideration and sufficient evidence has been provided to justify:

- a. no penalty being applied to the student's mark for the task
- b. an alternate task is scheduled
- c. a determination to estimate results to maintain rank or
- d. the application is classed as 'to be reviewed.'

If the Illness Misadventure application is **'Declined'**, no adjustments will be made. The **'Declined'** determination is made on the basis that the student **has not** followed the appropriate process to apply for consideration or provided sufficient evidence.

An Illness/Misadventure application will not be supported in the following circumstances:

- a. a computer/printer, file sent or USB failure
- b. misreading examination timetables or instructions
- c. other commitments, such as participation in external programs, work or sporting events, or attendance at examinations conducted by other education organisations unless leave has been approved by the Principal
- d. arriving late to a task unless circumstances beyond the student's control have occasioned the lateness. Extra time will not be given for a student who arrives late to an assessment task
- e. attendance at a sporting or cultural event, or family holiday, or
- f. if a medical certificate states 'unfit for work/school' without further specification
- g. alleged inadequacies of teaching, or
- h. long-term matters relating to loss of preparation time, or loss of study time or facilities, or
- i. long-term illness, unless the student has a 'flare-up' of the condition immediately before or during the assessment task, or
- j. disabilities for which NESAs has already granted disability provisions, unless:
 - i. an unforeseen episode occurs during the assessment task; or
 - ii. further difficulties with the approved provision occur during the assessment task; or
- k. matters avoidable by the student

If a student has applied for special consideration using the **Illness Misadventure Application**, and the task is 'to be reviewed', the outcome will be determined by the Assessment Review Panel after completion of all assessment tasks.

Students who have received provisions under disability provisions procedures should not submit an Illness Misadventure application as their performance in the assessment task has been supported - unless the application would request review of separate circumstances.

Subsequent/alternate task submission

If students are absent due to illness or misadventure and they satisfy the requirements of the policy, an alternate task will be organised by school executive. Once the task has been completed by the student they cannot then apply for special consideration for the same task.

Tasks to be reviewed at end of course

If a student completes a task but submits an Illness Misadventure Application form that has been assessed as 'to be reviewed', then the Assessment Review Panel will review similar tasks

to determine if disadvantage is evident. NOTE: this cannot occur on multiple tasks within the course assessment schedule. Long term disadvantage should be applied for under the EAS scheme.

Task estimation to maintain rank

In exceptional circumstances it is not appropriate for the student to sit an alternate task in which case the Deputy Principal may determine the student's relative assessment rank is to be maintained.

A students' rank or mark cannot be provided on their school report until the Assessment Review Panel's decision has been finalised. It is not the role of the Assessment Review Panel to determine a degree of disadvantage due to an illness, injury, or misadventure rather to determine if disadvantage has occurred through the comparison of similar tasks. Long term disadvantage needs to be applied for through EAS procedures, which the school can assist students with if required.

A further appeal may be lodged through the Principal to NESA if the student is dissatisfied with the school review procedures.

ASSESSMENT CONCERNS

Where circumstances arise in the administration of the assessment of HSC courses not covered by the procedures described in this document, they should be referred to, and discussed with, the Deputy Principal for resolution.

STUDENTS ACCELERATED IN A COURSE

Students who have been accelerated in a course should complete all assessment tasks, or the equivalent, that are undertaken by students completing the standard course program. The school will endeavour to minimise the conflicting demands of Year 11 and HSC assessment, but this cannot be guaranteed.

During the Trial HSC Examinations and HSC examinations, students accelerated in a course will be given study leave ONE day before their examination unless the task is scheduled the day after a weekend or a public holiday. Students accelerated in a course must attend all lessons in accordance with the section of this policy, attendance 1 school days before a task and attendance on the day of the task.

Study leave will NOT be provided to students accelerated in a course outside the Trial HSC Examinations and HSC Examinations.

SUBMITTED WORKS AND PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

The following courses require you either to undertake practical examinations or to submit major works or projects.

- a. Design and Technology
- b. Drama
- c. English Extension 2
- d. History Extension

- e. Languages
- f. Music 1, Music 2 and Music Extension
- g. Science Extension
- h. Society and Culture
- i. Textiles and Design
- j. Visual Arts

Students are required to certify that any submitted works are their own. Class teachers must certify that they have been completed under the teacher's supervision. If school staff cannot certify the works, students might not be awarded marks for them, or they may receive reduced marks.

Further information for the requirements of each course can be found at <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home>

ALL MY OWN WORK

To be eligible for entry into a Preliminary and/or HSC course, and for the award of the HSC, all students must complete All My Own Work (AMOW) or its equivalent which is designed to make a student aware of their HSC assessment obligations, and all other eligibility requirements. An AMOW equivalent may be appropriate for accessibility and inclusion reasons. An AMOW equivalent must contain comparable content to the AMOW topics.

AMOW is an educational program designed to instruct students about scholarship principles and ethical practices, and comprises content across 4 topics related to locating and acknowledging sources of information, plagiarism, copyright, and working with others.

AMOW:

- a. must be completed by every student before they are entered into any Preliminary or HSC course, as it has a specific focus on preparing students for HSC assessment, and
- b. is designed to be flexible for different school contexts, delivery methods and modes.

Students undertaking a pattern of study that comprises only Stage 6 Life Skills courses, are not required to complete AMOW.

Responsibilities of principals and schools

Principals must:

- a. rely on their professional judgement, and of their teachers, to make decisions about a student's satisfactory completion of AMOW, and
- b. certify students' completion of AMOW in Schools Online and record their details in All My Own Work Completion, before the submission of entries for Preliminary and HSC courses, and
- c. recognise the relationship between AMOW and the integrity of HSC school-based assessment and exams, and explain this to their students, and

- d. ensure AMOW is supported by a school policy on malpractice.

Principals and schools may:

- a. design their own program to suit their individual needs or contexts, and
- b. determine when students start AMOW, noting that it must be completed before the submission of entries for Preliminary and HSC courses.

All My Own Work enables students to understand their HSC assessment obligations

AMOW (or its equivalent) is designed to make a student aware of their HSC assessment obligations.

Students must develop and submit their HSC assessments (including school-based assessments, submitted works and performances) in accordance with the principles of:

- a. All My Own Work, and
- b. integrity of HSC school-based assessment and exams, and
- c. HSC Rules and Procedures Guide.

If malpractice is suspected, a student must demonstrate that all unacknowledged work is entirely their own.

Schools must follow their own school assessment policies and record all instances of malpractice on the Malpractice Register.

NESA refers suspected cases of HSC exam malpractice to the Examination Rules Committee (ERC). Penalties include a reduction in exam marks, zero marks for the exam or cancellation of the course(s).

NESA will make all necessary reports to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) where malpractice is serious, deliberate, and amounts to corrupt conduct.

There are specific All My Own Work requirements for a range of Stage 6 study options

To be eligible for entry into a Preliminary and/or HSC course, and for the award of the HSC, all students must complete AMOW and all other eligibility requirements.

Accelerated students

Students accelerating into a Stage 6 course(s) must complete AMOW (or its equivalent) prior to commencing the course(s).

Early commencement of Stage 6 VET courses

Students in Years 9 and 10 undertaking early commencement of a Stage 6 VET course must complete AMOW prior to being entered into the course.

Self-tuition applicants

Self-tuition applicants must complete AMOW prior to being entered into Stage 6 courses. These applicants make an explicit declaration on the self-tuition application form that they have completed AMOW, and must submit these forms to NESA by 30 June.

DISABILITY PROVISIONS

Students seeking provisions for their Higher School certificate examinations should provide the appropriate application form to the Head Teacher Wellbeing in the first academic term of their HSC year. The application form identifies which provision/s a student is requesting and includes recent evidence. Evidence may include medical reports, reading results, writing samples and teacher comments. The provisions granted are solely determined by how the student's exam performance is affected.

Once a Disability Provision has been granted by NESAs the school will endeavour, within the limits of its resources, to ensure that it is provided in all school-based examinations and assessment tasks.

Adjustments for school-based assessment tasks may be different to disability provisions approved by NESAs for HSC exams, however WGHS must still provide adjustments for school-based assessment where required.

If a student is entitled to Disability Provisions for examination periods, it is the responsibility of the student to request those provisions for any school-based assessment tasks. This can be negotiated with the Head Teacher Wellbeing. **This application must be submitted 2 weeks before a school assessment.** For the Trial HSC Examination period, WGHS will only provide those Disability Provisions approved by NESAs for the HSC Examinations.

Note the following unacceptable grounds for appeal: The provisions of the appeals process do not cover disabilities for which NESAs/School has already granted disability provisions, unless an unforeseen episode occurs during the assessment task (e.g. a hypoglycaemic event suffered by a diabetic student or a student who has been isolated but is still ill) or further difficulties occur, the authenticity of which is supported by the supervising staff member.

CONDUCT DURING EXAMINATIONS, TESTS OR ASSESSMENTS

Students must:

- a. Be prompt to the examination. Students should assemble outside the hall or other designated venue (minimum 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the examination, test or assessment).
- b. Wear full school uniform to all examinations.
- c. Cease speaking or communicating in any way as they enter the examination venue and remain silent while in the examination room except if talking to a supervisor.
- d. Complete an attendance slip for every examination. The slips will be collected and forwarded to the Deputy Principal.
- e. Follow the examination supervisor's instructions at all times.
- f. Behave in a way that will not be likely to disturb the work of any other student nor disrupt the conduct of the examination.
- g. Not write, use any equipment including highlighters, or annotate the examination paper in any way during reading time.

- h.** Make a serious attempt at all questions in the examination. Answers must not contain frivolous or offensive material. Furthermore:
 - i. NESA awards zero to any script in which only the multiple-choice questions have been answered or where the student has just copied or modified the question or part of it. These are treated as a non-attempt of the examination in that course.
 - ii. In Year 12 this will result in a non-award of the HSC in that course so that course will not appear on your HSC.
 - iii. In Year 12 this will also result in the student not being awarded an ATAR if this course counts towards his/her 10 units.

- i.** Students are permitted to bring the following equipment into an examination-style Assessment Task:
 - i. black pens (no pens with ink that can be erased)
 - ii. pencils (must be at least 2B), erasers and a sharpener
 - iii. a ruler marked in millimetres and centimetres
 - iv. highlighter pens
 - v. a clear bottle of water with no label
 - vi. a watch (not a programmable or smart watch), which you must take off, place on your desk in clear view and not touch during the exam

- j.** You must not bring any of the following items into your assessments/exams:
 - i. Mobile phones
 - ii. Programmable watches e.g. smart watches
 - iii. Electronic devices (except a calculator, if allowed), including communication devices, organisers, tablets, music players, earphones or electronic dictionaries
 - iv. Stopwatches
 - v. Paper or printed or written material (including your exam timetable)
 - vi. Dictionaries (except in language exams, if allowed)
 - vii. Correction fluid or correction tape
 - viii. Pencil cases that are not clear and see through

- k.** You cannot borrow equipment during assessments or exams. Exam supervisors may inspect your equipment when you enter the room and will tell you where to place unauthorised items.

- l.** Remain in the examination room until the examination time has elapsed and students are dismissed by the supervisor.

- m.** Behave ethically – no attempt should be made to engage in malpractice, to cheat or to attempt to cheat.

A penalty, including a zero mark may be applied if a student breaks any of the examination rules, with no opportunity to redo the task.

MARKING, GRADING AND REPORTING

NESA descriptors and other grading information are used to assess student learning evidence and report on student achievement.

Procedure

- a. Learning Outcomes and Grades on Semester Reports are calculated from the marks and grades achieved on the complete body of learning evidence produced by students.
- b. In all Year 12 assessment tasks and examinations, students use candidate numbers rather than names. Numbers are not converted to names until marking has been finalised.
- c. The Head Teacher oversees the administration of procedures to ensure the integrity of marking. The purpose is to promote fair, unbiased and consistent marking.

Procedures may include but are not limited to:

- a. One marker only marking an entire question or task.
- b. Pilot Marking (i.e. teachers mark in teams until all are in agreement regarding the standard) and regular check marking.
- c. Use of a designated moderator (i.e. an experienced teacher runs an initial moderation session for all markers and then regularly spot checks each marker's consistent application of the agreed standard).
- d. Double marking (i.e. two teachers mark each paper, compare marks awarded and resolve discrepancies).
- e. Group marking (i.e. teachers mark in teams, discuss standards and check each other's marking).
- f. The Head Teacher ensures that robust marking processes produce reliable assessment patterns.
- g. There is no predetermined alignment pattern of grades. Raw marks only are used. Mapping or scaling of final assessment marks will not occur.
- h. There is transparent alignment between the marks and grades a student received throughout a semester and the final grade awarded on Semester Reports.
- i. Teachers make professional judgements based upon the complete body of learning evidence collected for each student to provide information about leaning progress on reports.
- j. Students are entitled to know the estimate marks they are awarded for tasks missed due to illness or misadventure.

Student Transfers

Students who transfer to Willoughby Girls High School after the period of HSC formal assessment commences will be assessed with all other candidates. Those who arrive after the period of formal assessment commences but before the final date of HSC entry will receive an estimate for any school-based assessment tasks which have not been completed at WGHS.

RECORDING OF ASSESSMENT DATA, RETURN OF TASKS AND FEEDBACK TO STUDENTS

NESA course descriptors and other grading information is used to assess student learning evidence and report on student achievement. Students are provided with feedback that is personalised, specific, timely and forward focused. Students are entitled to know their own mark or grade awarded for each assessment task they attempt. HSC students are entitled to know their own rank for each assessment task they attempt.

Procedure

- a. Course Mark books are created on Sentral using a school template created by the Faculty Head Teacher to ensure all required calculations of marks and grades can be made and audited within this platform.
- b. Faculty Head Teachers establish processes to ensure that all assessment data is received from teachers and recorded in a timely manner in Sentral. The recording of data relating to assessment is the responsibility of the Head Teachers.
- c. Year 12 students will sign a register verifying that the mark recorded in Sentral accurately reflects the mark that they received for the task. Students will also be provided with an indicative rank.
- d. At the conclusion of the HSC course, students will be provided with their final rank
- e. When marks and grades are confirmed as accurate by all parties, the Faculty Head Teacher syncs the assessment data to the School's Reports when required.
- f. Marks, grades, cohort feedback documents and individual student feedback comments are made available to students in a timely manner and, to the extent possible, will be annotated using a texta or similar marker.
- g. Calculations of overall yearly marks are made in Sentral for the purposes of determining Graduation Assembly awards and HSC marks for Reports and NESA upload.
- h. HSC NESA marks are uploaded to Schools Online by the Faculty Head Teacher and checked by the Senior Executive.

PROCEDURES FOR TASK ADMINISTRATION

For separate classes completing the same course, Head Teachers are required to ensure:

- a. Students receive the same information to ensure consistency in the administration of the assessment task.
- b. Where possible, the task should be completed on the same day/period to protect the integrity of the task. On occasion, the task may need to be scheduled outside the school timetable.
- c. All students have the same examination conditions and experiences.
- d. In subjects where more than one class exists, all tasks (or section of) will be marked by the one teacher or pilot/spot marking occurs for consistency.

During an assessment task, students must ensure that all digital devices (mobile phones, headphones/airpods and smart watches) are turned off and placed in their school bag. Students who breach this rule may have a penalty imposed, such as a zero for the task.

ELIGIBILITY TO STUDY STAGE 6 LIFE SKILLS COURSES

1. Stage 6 Life Skills courses provide course options for students with intellectual disability or imputed intellectual disability in Years 11–12 who cannot access related general education courses.
2. The principal must make decisions about accessing Stage 6 Life Skills courses:
 - a. based on the needs of the individual student, for each course, and
 - b. via collaborative curriculum planning, and
 - c. involving the individual student (where appropriate), their parents/carers, and their teachers.
3. Stage 6 Life Skills courses are not appropriate options for students:
 - a. who do not have an intellectual disability or an imputed intellectual disability
 - b. experiencing significant unexpected and/or chronic health issues
 - c. performing below their cohort
 - d. who could access outcomes and content with appropriate adjustments and support
 - e. with emotional and/or behavioural needs.
4. A student studying any Stage 6 Life Skills course(s) will usually have undertaken one or more courses based on Life Skills outcomes and content in Years 7-10. A student who has studied Life Skills outcomes and content in a Stage 5 course and who wishes to continue the study of a corresponding course in Stage 6 can do so only through the study of a Life Skills course
5. In exceptional circumstances a student who has not undertaken one or more courses based on Life Skills outcomes and content in Years 7–10 may wish to enter Stage 6 Life Skills courses. These exceptional circumstances might include situations where a student with intellectual or imputed intellectual disability:

- a. has attempted outcomes and content in Years 7–10 but has experienced significant difficulty in achieving the outcomes (This may be prior, selected or stage outcomes), and/or
 - b. transfers from interstate or overseas, and/or
 - c. has a deteriorating condition.
6. Students may study a combination of:
 - a. Board Developed courses, including Life Skills courses, and/or
 - b. Content Endorsed courses (CECs), and/or
 - c. Board Endorsed courses (BECs).
 7. A student studying a Stage 6 Life Skills course cannot return to studying the related general education course once a decision to study the Life Skills course has been made.
 8. Students entered into a Life Skills course cannot also be entered into the equivalent Stage 6 general education course
 9. Students may enter an HSC Life Skills course if they have satisfactorily completed the requisite preceding Preliminary Life Skills course or equivalent.

Entering students in Stage 6 Life Skills Courses

10. Schools must, in Schools Online, by the due date published in the Timetable of actions for secondary schools:
 - a. indicate that a student is entered into one or more Stage 6 Life Skills courses, and
 - b. submit Preliminary and HSC course entries
11. The principal must certify that a student is [eligible](#) and the decision is the result of collaborative curriculum planning when entering students into a Stage 6 Life Skills course.
12. Schools must not enter students into Stage 6 Life Skills courses after the school year has commenced unless exceptional circumstances apply and have been considered in the context of a collaborative planning process.
13. Exclusions apply to the study of Stage 6 Life Skills courses. Schools must refer to syllabus documentation and Assessment and Reporting information for each course.
14. Schools must enter the Life Skills outcomes achieved for each student entered in a Life Skills course in Schools Online by the due date published in the Timetable of actions for secondary schools.

Supplementing courses from additional syllabuses

15. Schools may supplement or replace outcomes and content in a Life Skills course with Life Skills outcomes and content from other syllabuses. Schools must enter students into the course from which the outcomes and content are predominantly drawn.
16. By completing courses based on Life Skills outcomes and content, students are able to satisfy the mandatory curriculum requirements for the HSC.

Assessing Stage 6 Life Skills courses

17. NESA does not require schools to formally assess Life Skills outcomes. Schools are not required to use the Common Grade Scale (A to E) or equivalent to report achievement for students entered in Life Skills courses. Assessment can occur in a range of situations or environments such as the school and wider community.
18. Teachers must:
 - a. assess students accessing Life Skills courses on their achievement of the outcomes selected through collaborative curriculum planning, and
 - b. provide learning opportunities for students to demonstrate achievement in relation to the selected outcomes.
19. Students accessing Life Skills courses may achieve the designated outcomes independently or with support.
20. An outcome should be considered as 'achieved independently' if there is evidence that a student can demonstrate the achievement of an outcome, either:
 - a. without adjustments, or
 - b. with adjustments that enable the student to access course work and/or demonstrate achievement during assessment opportunities. These adjustments must have been determined through collaborative curriculum planning.

HSC requirements for students entered in Stage 6 Life Skills courses

21. To qualify for the award of an HSC all students must fulfil the HSC requirements.
22. There are some Life Skills exemptions for the HSC minimum standard. Schools must check Life Skills exemptions for students entered in Stage 6 Life Skills courses to determine if students are exempt from demonstrating the HSC minimum standard in any domain.
23. Students with intellectual disability or imputed intellectual disability can satisfy the requirements for the HSC pattern of study by completing a combination of:
 - a. Board Developed course(s) (including Stage 6 Life Skills courses), or
 - b. Vocational Education and Training (VET) course(s), or
 - c. Board Endorsed course(s) (including Content Endorsed courses).
24. Stage 6 Life Skills courses have no HSC exams and results cannot be used in the calculation of a student's ATAR.
25. Students with disability may access VET courses by:
 - a. undertaking the course under regular course arrangements, or
 - b. selected units of competency within the course, identified through collaborative curriculum planning.

Time allocation for courses

26. When programming Stage 6 Life Skills courses, all indicative hour requirements must be met. This will ensure the courses are credentialled on the HSC.
27. Each Stage 6 Life Skills course has an indicative hour requirement of 120 hours in Year 11 and 120 hours in Year 12 with the exception of one-unit courses.
28. In some cases, it may be necessary to vary the time allocated by increasing the number of hours of study for a course. When considering whether an increase in

time is necessary, schools must ensure that indicative hour requirements for each enrolled course are met.

Satisfactory completion of Stage 6 Life Skills course

29. Life Skills courses have the same course completion criteria as all Board Developed and Board Endorsed courses.
30. Principals:
 - a. determine that a student is considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if there is sufficient evidence that the student has:
 1. followed the course developed or endorsed by NESAs, and
 2. applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school, and
 3. achieved at least one of the course outcomes.
 - b. may determine that, as a result of absence, the above course completion criteria might not be met. NESAs do not set a minimum attendance for the satisfactory completion of a course, and
 - c. must give students early written warning of the consequences of non-completion of course requirements. The warning must relate the student's absence to the non-completion of the course requirements.
31. The number of outcomes addressed and/or achieved will vary for individual students. This decision must be made during collaborative curriculum planning. To satisfactorily complete a course, it is not necessary for students to address or achieve all the Life Skills outcomes in a course.
32. Life Skills courses have the same course completion criteria as all Board Developed and Board Endorsed courses.
33. Principals:
 - a. determine that a student is considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if there is sufficient evidence that the student has:
 1. followed the course developed or endorsed by NESAs, and
 2. applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school, and
 3. achieved at least one of the course outcomes.
 - b. may determine that, as a result of absence, the above course completion criteria might not be met. NESAs do not set a minimum attendance for the satisfactory completion of a course, and
 - c. must give students early written warning of the consequences of non-completion of course requirements. The warning must relate the student's absence to the non-completion of the course requirements.
34. The number of outcomes addressed and/or achieved will vary for individual students. This decision must be made during collaborative curriculum planning. To satisfactorily complete a course, it is not necessary for students to address or achieve all the Life Skills outcomes in a course.

Course Exclusions – Life Skills

35. Students entered for a course based on Life Skills outcomes and content from one or more syllabuses cannot be entered for any other course drawn from the same syllabus(es).



HONESTY IN HSC ASSESSMENT – THE STANDARD

This standard sets out NESA's requirements for students submitting their own work in HSC assessments.

Candidates for the Higher School Certificate, as well as their teachers and others who may guide them, are required to comply with this standard.

The honesty of students in completing assessment tasks, examinations and submitted works, and of teachers and others in guiding students, underpins the integrity of the Higher School Certificate. Throughout the assessment process, the highest level of honesty is required.

Each student's mark will be determined by the quality of the work produced by the student only. To demonstrate honesty, any component of a student's work that has been written, created or developed by others must be acknowledged in accordance with NESA's subject-specific documentation. Use or inclusion of material from other sources such as books, journals and electronic sources, including the internet, must be acknowledged. General teaching and learning do not require formal acknowledgement.

Dishonest behaviour carried out for the purpose of gaining unfair advantage in the assessment process constitutes malpractice or cheating. Malpractice in any form, including plagiarism, is unacceptable. NESA treats allegations of malpractice very seriously and detected malpractice will limit a student's marks and jeopardise their Higher School Certificate. Should malpractice be suspected, students will be required to demonstrate that all unacknowledged work is entirely their own.

These requirements should be read in conjunction with NESA syllabuses and policies in related areas such as malpractice and satisfactory completion of a course. They include:

- [2026 Rules and Procedures guide | NSW Education Standards](#)
- [HSC: All My Own Work Program](#)

These documents are publicly available on the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website at <https://curriculum.nsw.edu.au/ace-rules>

CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS

DRAMA HSC Course Outcomes

H1.1	uses acting skills to adopt and sustain a variety of characters and roles
H1.2	uses performance skills to interpret and perform scripted and other material
H1.3	uses knowledge and experience of dramatic and theatrical forms, styles and theories to inform and enhance individual and group devised works
H1.4	collaborates effectively to produce a group-devised performance
H1.5	demonstrates directorial skills
H1.6	records refined group performance work in appropriate form
H1.7	demonstrates skills in using the elements of production
H1.8	recognises the value of the contribution of each individual to the artistic effectiveness of productions
H1.9	values innovation and originality in group and individual work
H2.1	demonstrates effective performance skills
H2.2	uses dramatic and theatrical elements effectively to engage an audience

H2.3	demonstrates directorial skills for theatre and other media
H2.4	appreciates the dynamics of drama as a performing art
H2.5	appreciates the high level of energy and commitment necessary to develop and present a performance
H3.1	critically applies understanding of the cultural, historical and political contexts that have influenced specific drama and theatre practitioners, styles and movements
H3.2	analyses, synthesises and organises knowledge, information and opinion in coherent, informed oral and written responses
H3.3	demonstrates understanding of the actor-audience relationship in various dramatic and theatrical styles and movements
H3.4	appreciates and values drama and theatre as significant cultural expressions of issues and concerns in Australian and other societies
H3.5	appreciates the role of the audience in various dramatic and theatrical styles and movements

DRAMA

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	<p>Topic One: Contemporary Australian Drama</p> <p>Part One: Performance Essay (Group)</p> <p>Part Two: Written Response (Hand-In)</p>	Individual Project Progress Viva Voce and Logbook Submission	Group Performance Progress and Logbook	Individual Project and Group Performance Written Exam	
Timing	Term 4 Week 10 (Performance and Hand in)	Term 1 Week 7	Term 2 Week 5	Term 3 Week 1: Performance Weeks 3-4: Written	
Outcomes assessed	H1.2, H1.3, H2.3, H3.2, H3.4	H1.5, H1.7, H2.3 H3.2	H1.4, H1.7, H2.2	H1.1, H2.1, H2.2 H3.1, H3.5	
Component					Weighting %
Making	5	15	10	10	40
Performing	5		15	10	30
Critically Studying	10	5		15	30
Total %	20	20	25	35	100

MUSIC 1 HSC Course Outcomes

H1	performs stylistically, music that is characteristic of topics studied, both as a soloist and as a member of an ensemble
H2	reads, interprets, discusses and analyses simple musical scores that are characteristic of the topics studied
H3	improvises and composes music using the range of concepts for familiar sound sources reflecting the cultural and historical contexts studied
H4	articulates an aural understanding of musical concepts and their relationships in a wide variety of musical styles
H5	critically evaluates and discusses performances and compositions
H6	critically evaluates and discusses the use of the concepts of music in works representative of the topics studied and through wide listening

H7	understands the capabilities of performing media, incorporates technologies into composition and performance as appropriate to the topics studied
H8	identifies, recognises, experiments with, and discusses the use and effects of technology in music
H9	performs as a means of self-expression and communication

MUSIC 1

Task Number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Topic 1 composition (hand in) & Elective 1 perf/comp/ viva (in class)	Topic 2 viva voce & Elective 2 perf/comp/ viva (in class)	Aural skills written test & Elective 3 perf/comp/ viva (in class)	Trial HSC (Core perf & Electives 1-3)	
Timing	T4 W19	T1 W10	T2 W7	Term 3, During Trial HSC Examination period	
Outcomes assessed	H2, H3, H5, H6, H7, H8, H9*	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8, H9*	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8, H9*	H1, H2, H3, H7, H8, H9*	
Component					Weighting
Core Performance				10	10
Core Composition	10				10
Core Musicology		10			10
Core Aural			25		25
Elective 1	5			10	15
Elective 2		5		10	15
Elective 3			5	10	15
Total %	15	15	30	40	100

* Specific outcomes depend on each student's choice of Performance, Composition or Musicology elective.

MUSIC 2 HSC Course Outcomes

H1	performs repertoire that reflects the mandatory and additional topics and addresses the stylistic and technical demands of the music as a soloist and as a member of an ensemble
H2	demonstrates an understanding of the relationships between combinations of the concepts of music, by interpreting, notating, analysing, discussing, composing and evaluating combinations of musical symbols reflecting those characteristically used in the mandatory and additional topics
H3	composes works focusing on a range of concepts, for familiar and unfamiliar sound sources, solo, small and large ensembles, or using a variety of musical structures
H4	stylistically creates, improvises, arranges and notates music which is representative of the mandatory and additional topics and demonstrates different social, cultural and historical contexts

H5	analyses, discusses, evaluates and clearly articulates compositional processes with stylistic, historical, cultural, social and musical considerations
H6	discusses, constructively criticises and evaluates performances and compositions of others and self with particular reference to stylistic features of the context
H7	critically evaluates and discusses in detail the concepts of music in works representative of the mandatory and additional topics
H8	understands the capabilities of performing media, incorporates technologies into composition and performance as appropriate to the topics studied
H9	identifies, recognises, experiments with, and discusses the uses and effects of technology in music
H10	performs as a means of self-expression and communication

MUSIC 2

Task Number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Elective Performance/ Portfolio & Additional Topic Presentation In-class	Core & Elective Performance/Portfolio & Score Reading Test In-class	Core Composition Portfolio & Presentation In-class & hand in	Trial HSC (Core/Electives & Written Paper)	
Timing	T4 W19	T1 W10	T2 W7	During examination period	
Outcomes assessed	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H8, H10*	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H8, H10*	H2, H3, H4, H5, H11, H12	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8, H10*	
Component					Weighting
Core Performance		15		5	20
Core Composition			20		20
Core Musicology	5	5	5	5	20
Core Aural		10		10	20
Elective	5	5		10	20
Total %	10	35	25	30	100

* Specific outcomes depend on each student's choice of Performance, Composition or Musicology elective.

MUSIC EXTENSION (1 UNIT) HSC Course Outcomes

Performance Outcomes		Composition Outcomes		Musicology Outcomes	
H1	performs with highly developed technical skill and stylistic refinement as both a soloist and as an ensemble member	H1	composes with highly developed technical skill and stylistic refinement demonstrating the emergence of a personal style	H1	presents an extended essay demonstrating mastery of research, argument and data from primary and secondary source
H2	leads critical evaluation and discussion sessions on all aspects of his/her own performances and the performances of others	H2	leads critical evaluation and discussion sessions on all aspects of his/her own compositions and the compositions of others	H2	leads critical evaluation and discussion sessions on all aspects of his/her own research and essay work and on the research and essays of others
H3	articulates sophisticated arguments supported by musical evidence and demonstrates independence of thought with regard to the interpretation of music performed	H3	articulates sophisticated arguments supported by musical evidence and demonstrates independence of thought with regard to compositional processes, techniques and devices used, showing the emergence of a personal style	H3	articulates sophisticated arguments supported by musical evidence and demonstrates independence of thought in the development of a hypothesis and argument in the chosen area of research
H4	demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts of music and their relationship to each other with reference to works performed	H4	demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts of music and their relationship to each other with reference to works composed	H4	demonstrates a sophisticated understanding of the concepts of music and their relationship to each other with reference to research undertaken and essay writing
H5	presents concert and recital programs, which includes solving problems concerning programming, organisation and management of concert practice and program direction	H5	presents, discusses and evaluates the problem-solving process with regard to composition and the realisation of the composition	H5	presents, discusses and evaluates the problem solving process and the development and realisation of a research project
H6	critically analyses the use of musical concepts to present a stylistic interpretation of music performed	H6	critically analyses the use of musical concepts to present a personal compositional style	H6	critically analyses the use of the musical concepts to articulate their relationship to the style analysed

MUSIC EXTENSION (1 UNIT)

Task Number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	
Nature of tasks	Solo Performances (2 pieces) OR 1 st Submission (portfolio) In-class/hand in	Ensemble Performance OR 2 nd Submission (portfolio + draft essay/composition) In-class/hand in	Trial Examination Performance (3 pieces) OR Final Submission (portfolio + draft essay/composition) In-class/hand in	
Timing	T1 W10	T2 W5	Trial Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	1,2,3,4,5,6*	1,2,3,4,5,6*	1,2,3,4,5,6*	
Component	Weighting			
Performance or Composition or Musicology	35	25	40	100
Total %	35	25	40	100

- Specific outcomes depend on each student's choice of Performance, Composition or Musicology option

VISUAL ARTS HSC Course Outcomes

H1	initiates and organises artmaking practice that is sustained, reflective and adapted to suit particular conditions
H2	applies their understanding of the relationships among the artist, artwork, world and audience through the making of a body of work
H3	demonstrates an understanding of the frames when working independently in the making of art
H4	selects and develops subject matter and forms in particular ways as representations in artmaking
H5	demonstrates conceptual strength in the production of a body of work that exhibits coherence and may be interpreted in a range of ways

H6	demonstrates technical accomplishment, refinement and sensitivity appropriate to the artistic intentions within a body of work
H7	applies their understanding of practice in art criticism and art history
H8	applies their understanding of the relationships among the artist, artwork, world and audience
H9	demonstrates an understanding of how the frames provide for different orientations to critical and historical investigations of art
H10	constructs a body of significant art histories, critical narratives and other documentary accounts of representation in the visual arts

VISUAL ARTS

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Development of the Body of Work (hand-in) Submission of body of work in progress and VAPD with annotated research and critical evaluation of the material and conceptual intention	Research Assignment Essay (in-class) Essay response with time limit	Development of the Body of Work (hand-in) artworks undergoing refinement and VAPD including possible curation	Trial HSC Written Examination Art Criticism and Art History Written Examination	
Timing	Term 1 Week 3	Term 1 Week 8	Term 3 Week 2	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	H1, H2, H3, H4	H10	H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6,	H7, H8, H9, H10	
Component					Weighting %
Artmaking	20		30		50
Critical & Historical studies		20		30	50
Total %	20	20	30	30	100

ENGLISH

ENGLISH ADVANCED HSC Course Outcomes

EA12-1	independently responds to, composes and evaluates a range of complex texts for understanding, interpretation, critical analysis, imaginative expression and pleasure
EA12-2	uses, evaluates and justifies processes, skills and knowledge required to effectively respond to and compose texts in different modes, media and technologies
EA12-3	critically analyses and uses language forms, features and structures of texts justifying appropriateness for specific purposes, audiences and contexts and evaluates their effects on meaning
EA12-4	strategically adapts and applies knowledge, skills and understanding of language concepts and literary devices in new and different contexts

EA12-5	thinks imaginatively, creatively, interpretively, critically and discerningly to respond to, evaluate and compose texts that synthesise complex information, ideas and arguments
EA12-6	investigates and evaluates the relationships between texts
EA12-7	evaluates the diverse ways texts can represent personal and public worlds and recognises how they are valued
EA12-8	explains and evaluates nuanced cultural assumptions and values in texts and their effects on meaning
EA12-9	reflects on, evaluates and monitors own learning and refines individual and collaborative processes as an independent learner

ENGLISH ADVANCED

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences. Modified Paper 1 Short answers (In class)	Module B: Critical Study of Literature Multimodal Presentation (Hand in)	Module C: The Craft of Writing Composition and Reflection (Hand in & in class)	Trial HSC Examination Paper 1: Common Module: 5% Paper 2: Module A 25%	
Timing	Term 4 Week 8	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 5	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	EA12-1, EA12-3, EA12-6,	EA12-2, EA12-4, EA12-7	EA12-1, EA12-3, EA12-5, EA12-9	EA12-3, EA12-4, EA12-5, EA12-6, EA12-8	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content	10	15	10	15	50
Skills in responding to texts and communication of ideas appropriate to audience, purpose and context across all modes	10	10	15	15	50
Total %	20	25	25	30	100

ENGLISH EAL/D HSC Course Outcomes

EAL12-1A	Responds to, composes and evaluates a range of complex and sustained texts for understanding, interpretation, critical analysis, imaginative expression and pleasure
EAL12-1B	Communicates information, ideas and opinions in a range of familiar and unfamiliar personal, social and academic contexts
EAL12-2	Uses, evaluates and justifies processes, skills and knowledge necessary for responding to and composing a wide range of texts in different media and technologies
EAL12-3	Identifies, selects and uses language forms, features and structures of texts appropriate to a range of purposes, audiences and contexts, and analyses and evaluates their effects on meaning
EAL12-4	Applies and adapts knowledge, skills and understanding of literacy devices, language concepts and mechanics into new and different contexts

EAL12-5	Thinks imaginatively, creatively, interpretively and critically to respond to, represent and evaluate complex ideas, information and arguments in a wide range of texts
EAL12-6	Investigates and evaluates the relationship between texts.
EAL12-7	Integrates understanding of the diverse ways texts can represent personal and public worlds
EAL12-8	Analyses and evaluates cultural reference and perspectives in texts and examines their effects on meaning
EAL12-9	Reflects on, assesses and monitors own learning and refines individual and collaborative processes as an independent learner

ENGLISH EAL/D

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Module A: Texts and Human Experiences Modified Paper One (In class)	Module B: Language, Identify and Culture Multimodal (Hand in)	Module D: Focus on writing (Hand in and in class)	Trial Examination Paper 1: Texts & Human Experiences Paper 2: Module B 5% Module C: 20% Listening 5%	
Timing	Term 4 Week 7	Term 1 Week 8	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Weeks 3 & 4	
Outcomes assessed	EAL12-1B, EAL12-2, EAL12-6	EAL12-3, EAL12-7, EAL12-8	EAL12-3, EAL12-4, EAL12-5, EAL12-9	EAL12-1A, EAL12-5, EAL12-6, EAL12-8	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content	10	10	15	15	50
Skills in responding to texts and communication of ideas appropriate to audience, purpose and context across all modes	10	10	15	15	50
Total %	20	20	30	30	100

ENGLISH STANDARD HSC Course Outcomes

EN12-1	independently responds to and composes complex texts for understanding, interpretation, critical analysis, imaginative expression and pleasure
EN12-2	uses, evaluates and justifies processes, skills and knowledge required to effectively respond to and compose texts in different modes, media and technologies
EN12-3	analyses and uses language forms, features and structures of texts and justifies their appropriateness for purpose, audience and context and explains effects on meaning
EN12-4	adopts and applies knowledge, skills and understanding of language concepts and literary devices into new and different contexts

EN12-5	thinks imaginatively, creatively, interpretively, analytically and discerningly to respond to and compose texts that include considered and detailed information, ideas and arguments
EN12-6	investigates and evaluates the relationships between texts
EN12-7	explains and evaluates the diverse ways texts can represent personal and public worlds
EN12-8	explains and assesses cultural assumptions in texts and their effects on meaning
EN12-9	reflects on, assesses and monitors own learning and refines individual and collaborative processes as an independent learner

ENGLISH STANDARD

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences. (Modified Paper 1 Short answers) (In class)	Module B: Close Study of Literature Multimodal Presentation (Hand in)	Module C: The Craft of Writing Composition and Reflection (Hand in)	Trial HSC Examination Paper 1: Common Module: 5% Paper 2: Module A 25%	
Timing	Term 4 Week 8	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 5	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	EN12-1, EN12-3, EN12-6,	EN12-2, EN12-4, EN12-7	EN12-1, EN12-3, EN12-5, EN12-9	EN12-3, EN12-4, EN12-5, EN12-6, EN12-8	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content	10	15	10	15	50
Skills in responding to texts and communication of ideas appropriate to audience, purpose and context across all modes	10	10	15	15	50
Total %	20	25	25	30	100

ENGLISH EXTENSION 1 HSC Course Outcomes

EE12-1	demonstrates and applies insightful understanding of the dynamic, often subtle, relationship between text, purpose, audience and context, across a range of modes, media and technologies
EE12-2	analyses and experiments with language forms, features and structures of complex texts, discerningly evaluating their effects on meaning for different purposes, audiences and contexts
EE12-3	independently investigates, interprets and synthesises critical and creative texts to analyse and evaluate different ways of valuing texts in order to inform and refine response to and composition of sophisticated texts

EE12-4	critically evaluates how perspectives, including the cultural assumptions and values that underpin those perspectives, are represented in texts
EE12-5	reflects on and evaluates the development of their conceptual understanding and the independent and collaborative writing and creative processes

ENGLISH EXTENSION 1

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	
Nature of tasks	Common Module: Literary Worlds Imaginative Response and Reflection Written Response (Hand in)	Elective Critical Response with related material (Hand in)	Trial HSC Examination Section 1 – Common Module Section 2 - Elective	
Timing	Term 1 Week 5	Term 2 Week 10	Term 3 Examination Period Weeks 3 and 4	
Outcomes assessed	EE12-2, EE12-4, EE12-5	EE12-1, EE12-2, EE12-3, EE12-4	EE12-2, EE12-3, EE12-4, EE12-5	
Component				Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of complex texts and of how and why they are valued	15	20	15	50
Skills in complex analysis, sustained composition and independent investigation	15	20	15	50
Total %	30	40	30	100

ENGLISH EXTENSION 2 HSC Course Outcomes

EEX12-1	demonstrates a deep understanding of the dynamic relationship between text, composer, audience and context through the conceptualisation and execution of an extended composition using appropriate mode, medium and technology
EEX12-2	strategically and effectively manipulates language forms and features to create a substantial extended composition for a specific purpose, audience and context

EEX12-3	applies knowledge, understanding and insight, refined through analysis, interpretation, criticism and evaluation of strategically chosen texts, to shape new meaning in an original composition
EEX12-4	undertakes extensive independent investigation to articulate a personal perspective that explores, challenges, speculates or evaluates a significant situation, event or idea
EEX12-5	reflects on and evaluates the composition process and the effectiveness of their own published composition

ENGLISH EXTENSION 2

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	
Nature of tasks	Viva Voce Proposal	Literature review (Hand in)	Critique of the Creative Process (Hand in)	
Timing	Term 1 Week 3	Term 2 Week 2	Term 2 Week 8	
Outcomes assessed	EEX12-1, EEX12-4, EEX12-5	EEX12-1, EEX12-2, EEX12-3, EEX12-4	EEX12-2, EEX12-3, EEX12-5	
Component				Weighting %
Skills in extensive independent research	15	20	15	50
Skills in sustained composition	15	20	15	50
Total %	30	40	30	100

HISTORY

ANCIENT HISTORY HSC Course Outcomes

AH12-1	Accounts for the nature of continuity and change in the ancient world
AH12-2	Proposes arguments about the varying causes and effects of events and developments
AH12-3	Evaluates the role of historical features, individuals and groups in shaping the past
AH12-4	Analyses the different perspectives of individuals and groups in their historical context
AH12-5	Assesses the significance of historical features, people, places, events and developments of the ancient world
AH12-6	Analyses and interprets different types of sources for evidence to support an historical account or argument

AH12-7	Discusses and evaluates differing interpretations and representations of the past
AH12-8	Plans and conducts historical investigations and presents reasoned conclusions, using relevant evidence from a range of sources
AH12-9	Communicates historical understanding, using historical knowledge, concepts and terms, in appropriate and well-structured forms
AH12-10	Analyses issues relating to the ownership, custodianship and conservation of the ancient past

ANCIENT HISTORY

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	History Analysis Oral	Personality Source Evaluation	Period Study Research Evaluation	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 8	Term 1 Week 10	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	AH12-3, AH12-5, AH12-6, AH12-8	AH12-1, AH12-2, AH12-3, AH 12-4	AH 12-3, AH 12-4, AH 12.9	AH12.1, AH12.2 AH12.5, AH12.7, AH12.10	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content		10	10	20	40
Historical skills in the analysis and evaluation of sources and interpretations		10		10	20
Historical Inquiry and research	10		10		20
Communication of historical information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms	10		10		20
Total %	20	20	30	30	100

HISTORY EXTENSION HSC Course Outcomes

HE12-1	Analyses and evaluates different approaches to history and the complexity of factors that shape historical interpretations
HE12-2	Plans, conducts and presents a substantial historical investigation involving analysis, synthesis and evaluation of information from historical sources of differing perspectives and historical approaches
HE12-3	Communicates through detailed, well-structured texts to explain, argue, discuss, analyse and evaluate historical issues
HE12-4	Constructs an historical position about an area of historical inquiry, and discusses and challenges other positions

HISTORY EXTENSION

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	
Nature of tasks	History Project Historical Process (proposal, process log, annotated sources)	History Project Essay	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 1 Weeks 7	Term 3 Week 1	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	HE12-2, HE12-3, HE12-4	HE12-1, HE12-2 HE12-3, HE12-4	HE12-1, HE12-3, HE12-4	
Component				Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding significant historical ideas and processes	10	10	20	40
Skills in designing, undertaking and communicating historical inquiry and analysis	20	30	10	60
Total %	30	40	30	100

MODERN HISTORY HSC Course Outcomes

MH12-1	Accounts for the nature of continuity and change in the modern world
MH12-2	Proposes arguments about the varying causes and effects of events and developments
MH12-3	Evaluates the role of historical features, individuals, groups and ideas in shaping the past
MH12-4	Analyses the different perspectives of individuals and groups in their historical context
MH12-5	Assesses the significance of historical features, people, ideas, movements, events and developments of the modern world

MH12-6	Analyses and interprets different types of sources for evidence to support an historical account or argument
MH12-7	Discusses and evaluates differing interpretations and representations of the past
MH12-8	Plans and conducts historical investigations and presents reasoned conclusions, using relevant evidence from a range of sources
MH12-9	Communicates historical understanding, using historical knowledge, concepts and terms, in appropriate and well-structured forms

MODERN HISTORY

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Source Analysis	Essay In-Class	Historical Research Essay	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 9	Term 1 Week 8	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	MH12-1, MH12-6, MH12-9	MH12-3, MH12-5, MH12-7, MH12-9	MH12-2, MH12-5, MH12-8, MH12-9	MH12-4, MH12-5, MH12-9	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content		10	10	20	40
Historical skills in the analysis and evaluation of sources and interpretations	10			10	20
Historical inquiry and research	5		15		20
Communication of historical understanding in appropriate forms	5	10	5		20
Total %	20	20	30	30	100

SOCIETY AND CULTURE HSC Course Outcomes

H1	Evaluates and effectively applies social and cultural concepts
H2	Explains the development of personal, social and cultural identity
H3	Analyses relationships and interactions within and between social and cultural groups
H4	Assesses the interaction of personal experience and public knowledge in the development of social and cultural literacy
H5	Analyses continuity and change and their influence on personal and social futures
H6	Evaluates social and cultural research methods for appropriateness to specific research tasks

H7	Selects, organises, synthesises and analyses information from a variety of sources for usefulness, validity and bias
H8	Uses planning and review strategies to conduct ethical social and cultural research that is appropriate for tasks ranging from the simple to the complex
H9	Applies complex course language and concepts appropriate for a range of audiences and contexts
H10	Communicates complex information, ideas and issues using appropriate written, oral and graphic forms

SOCIETY AND CULTURE

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	PIP Report	Belief Systems In-Class Essay	Social Inclusion/Exclusion Media File	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 9	Term 1 Week 7	Term 2 Week 6	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	H1, H4, H5, H7, H8, H10	H1, H2, H4, H5, H10	H5, H6, H7, H8, H9, H10	H1, H3, H4, H7, H8, H10	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content	10	20	10	10	50
Application and evaluation of social and cultural research methodologies	10		10	10	30
Communication of information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms	5	5	5	5	20
Total %	25	25	25	25	100

LANGUAGES

FRENCH CONTINUERS HSC Course Outcomes

Exchange information, opinions and experiences in French	1.1	uses a range of strategies to maintain communication
	1.2	conveys information appropriate to context, purpose and audience
	1.3	exchanges and justifies opinions and ideas
	1.4	reflects on aspects of past, present and future experience
Express ideas through production of original texts in French	2.1	applies knowledge of language structures to create original text #
	2.2	composes informative, descriptive, reflective, persuasive or evaluative texts appropriate to context, purpose and/or audience
	2.3	structures and sequences ideas and information
	3.1	conveys the gist of texts and identifies specific information

Analyse, process and respond to texts that are in French	3.2	summarises the main ideas
	3.3	identifies the tone, purpose, context and audience
Analyse, process and respond to texts that are in French cont.	3.4	draws conclusions from or justifies an opinion
	3.5	interprets, analyses and evaluates information
	3.6	infers points of view, attitudes or emotions from language and context
Understand aspects of the language and culture of French-speaking communities	4.1	recognises and employs language appropriate to different social contexts
	4.2	identifies values, attitudes and beliefs of cultural significance
	4.3	reflects upon significant aspects of language and culture

FRENCH CONTINUERS

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Response in English and French to spoken and written French texts Listening: In class Reading: Hand in	Oral interaction Written composition in French Speaking: In class Writing: In class	Oral interaction Response in English to spoken French texts Listening: In Class Speaking: In class	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 8	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 2.1, 2.2, 2.3	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 4.1, 4.2, 4.3	
Component					Weighting %
Listening & Responding	10		10	10	30
Reading & Responding	20			10	30
Speaking		10	10		20
Writing in French		10		10	20
Total %	30	20	20	30	100

JAPANESE BEGINNERS HSC Course Outcomes

Interacting	1.1	establishes and maintains communication in Japanese
	1.2	manipulates linguistic structures to express ideas effectively in Japanese
	1.3	sequences ideas and information
	1.4	applies knowledge of the culture of Japanese-speaking communities to interact appropriately
Understanding Texts	2.1	understands and interprets information in texts using a range of strategies
	2.2	conveys the gist of and identifies specific information in texts
	2.3	summarises the main points of a text
	2.4	Draws conclusions from or justifies an opinion about a text

Understanding Texts cont.	2.5	identifies the purpose, context and audience of a text
	2.6	identifies and explains aspects of the culture of Japanese-speaking communities in texts
Producing Texts	3.1	produces texts appropriate to audience, purpose and context
	3.2	Structures and sequences ideas and information
	3.3	Applies knowledge of diverse linguistic structures to convey information and express original ideas in Japanese
	3.4	Applies knowledge of the culture of Japanese-speaking communities to the production of texts

#Written or spoken texts created by students incorporating their own ideas

JAPANESE BEGINNERS

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Topic: People, Places & Communities (lifestyle, change, relationships) In-class task Response in English to aural and written Japanese texts/ composition in Japanese	Topic: Education and work, Recreation and past times In-class task: Response in English to written texts in Japanese/conversation in Japanese (individual, by appointment)	Topic: Holidays, Travel & Tourism, Future plans In-class task - Response in English to aural texts in Japanese/composition in Japanese	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 8	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5	2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4	
Component					Weighting %
Listening & Responding	10		10	10	30
Reading & Responding	5	20		5	30
Speaking		10		10	20
Writing in Japanese	5		10	5	20
Total %	20	30	20	30	100

JAPANESE CONTINUERS HSC Course Outcomes

Exchange information, opinions and experiences in Japanese	1.1	uses a range of strategies to maintain communication
	1.2	conveys information appropriate to context, purpose and audience
	1.3	exchanges and justifies opinions and ideas
	1.4	reflects on aspects of past, present and future experience
Express ideas through production of original texts in Japanese	2.1	applies knowledge of language structures to create original text #
	2.2	composes informative, descriptive, reflective, persuasive or evaluative texts appropriate to context, purpose and/or audience
	2.3	structures and sequences ideas and information
Analyse, process and respond to texts that are in Japanese	3.1	conveys the gist of texts and identifies specific information
	3.2	summarises the main ideas
	3.3	identifies the tone, purpose, context and audience

Analyse, process and respond to texts that are in Japanese cont.	3.4	draws conclusions from or justifies an opinion
	3.5	interprets, analyses and evaluates information
	3.6	infers points of view, attitudes or emotions from language and context
Understand aspects of the language and culture of Japanese-speaking communities	4.1	recognises and employs language appropriate to different social contexts
	4.2	identifies values, attitudes and beliefs of cultural significance
	4.3	reflects upon significant aspects of language and culture

#Written or spoken texts created by students incorporating their own ideas

JAPANESE CONTINUERS

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Response in English to aural and written Japanese texts Listening: In class Reading: In class	Oral interaction Written composition in Japanese Speaking: In class Writing: Hand in	Oral interaction Response in English to written and aural Japanese texts / Conversation Speaking: Hand in Listening: In class Reading: in class	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Weeks 8	Term 1 Week 8 / 9	Term 2 Week 8 / 9	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3,	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 4.1, 4.2, 4.3	
Component					Weighting %
Listening & Responding	10		10	10	30
Reading & Responding	10		10	10	30
Speaking		10	10		20
Writing in Japanese		10		10	20
Total %	20	20	30	30	100

MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICS ADVANCED HSC Course Outcomes

MA12 -1	uses detailed algebraic and graphical techniques to critically construct, model and evaluate arguments in a range of familiar and unfamiliar contexts
MA12 -2	models and solves problems and makes informed decisions about financial situations using mathematical reasoning and techniques
MA12 -3	applies calculus techniques to model and solve problems
MA12 -4	applies the concepts and techniques of arithmetic and geometric sequences and series in the solution of problem
MA12 -5	applies the concepts and techniques of periodic functions in the solution of problems involving trigonometric graphs

MA12 -6	applies appropriate differentiation methods to solve problems
MA12 -7	applies the concepts and techniques of indefinite and definite integrals in the solution of problems
MA12 -8	solves problems using appropriate statistical processes
MA12 -9	chooses and uses appropriate technology effectively in a range of contexts, models and applies critical thinking to recognise appropriate times for such use
MA12 -10	constructs arguments to prove and justify results and provides reasoning to support conclusions which are appropriate to the context

External Assessment: All students studying the Mathematics Advanced course will sit for a 3 hour formal HSC Examination. The format will be: 10 multiple choice questions and 6 x 15 mark free response questions. An official NESAs reference sheet containing many formulae and results will be provided for this and every assessment task. Between 20% and 25% of this examination will contain questions that are also in the Standard 2 HSC examination on common course content.

Internal Assessment: The Year 12 HSC course will have 4 assessment tasks worth 20%, 20%, 20% and 40% respectively. The 20% tasks are in class assessment tasks. The 40% task is a formal 3 hour Trial HSC Examination.

MATHEMATICS ADVANCED

TASK NUMBER	TASK 1	TASK 2	TASK 3	TASK 4	
Nature of tasks	Open Book Test (students may bring in a hand-written A4 sheet of paper)	In class task	In class task	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 7	Term 1 Week 7	Term 2 Week 4	Term 3 Weeks 3 - 5	
Outcomes assessed	MA12- 1, MA12-4, MA12-5 MA12-9, MA12-10	MA12-3, MA12-6, MA12-9, MA12-10	MA12-3, MA12-7, MA12-9, MA12-10	MA11 and 12- ALL	
Component					Weighting
Understanding, Fluency and Communicating	10	10	10	20	50
Problem Solving, Reasoning and Justification	10	10	10	20	50
TOTAL %	20	20	20	40	100

MATHEMATICS STANDARD 2 HSC Course Outcomes

MS2-12-1	uses detailed algebraic and graphical techniques to critically evaluate and construct arguments in a range of familiar and unfamiliar contexts
MS2-12-2	analyses representations of data in order to make inferences, predictions and draw conclusions
MS2-12-3	interprets the results of measurements and calculations and makes judgements about their reasonableness, including the degree of accuracy and the conversion of units where appropriate
MS2-12-4	analyses two-dimensional and three-dimensional models to solve practical problems
MS2-12-5	makes informed decisions about financial situations, including annuities and loan repayments

MS2-12-6	solves problems by representing the relationships between changing quantities in algebraic and graphical forms
MS2-12-7	solves problems requiring statistical processes, including the use of the normal distribution and the correlation of bivariate data
MS2-12-8	solves problems using networks to model decision-making in practical problems
MS2-12-9	chooses and uses appropriate technology effectively in a range of contexts, and applies critical thinking to recognise appropriate times and methods for such use
MS2-12-10	uses mathematical argument and reasoning to evaluate conclusions, communicating a position clearly to others and justify a response

External Assessment:

All students studying the HSC Standard 2 course will sit for a 2 ½ hour formal HSC Examination. The format will be 15 x 1 mark multiple choice questions and 85 marks of free response questions. An official NESA reference sheet containing many formulae and results will be provided for this and every assessment task. Between 20% and 25% of this examination will contain questions that are also in the Advanced course HSC examination on common course content.

Internal Assessment:

The Year 12 HSC course will have 4 assessment tasks worth 20%, 20%, 20% and 40% respectively. The 20% tasks are in class assessment tasks. The 40% task is a formal 2½ hour Trial HSC Examination.

MATHEMATICS STANDARD 2

TASK NUMBER	TASK 1	TASK 2	TASK 3	TASK 4	
Nature of Tasks	Open Book Task In class (students may bring in a hand-written A4 sheet of paper)	In class task	In class task	Trial HSC Examination Y	
Timing	Term 4 Week 7	Term 1 Week 7	Term 2 Week 4	Term 3 Weeks 3 - 5	
Outcomes assessed	MS2 12 – 1, MS2 12-6, MS2 12-9, MS2 12-10	MS2 12-3, MS2 12-4, MS2 12-5, MS2 12-8 MS2 12-9, MS2 12-10	MS2 12-2, MS2 12-4, MS2 12-7, MS2 12-8 MS2 12-9, MS2 12-10	MS 11 and MS2 12- ALL	
Component					Weighting
Understanding, Fluency and Communicating	10	10	10	20	50
Problem Solving, Reasoning and Justification	10	10	10	20	50
TOTAL %	20	20	20	40	100

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1 HSC Course Outcomes

ME12 -1	applies techniques involving proof or calculus to model and solve problems
ME12 -2	applies concepts and techniques involving vectors and projectiles to solve problems
ME12 -3	applies advanced concepts and techniques in simplifying expressions involving compound angles and solving trigonometric equations

ME12 -4	uses calculus in the solution of applied problems, including differential equations and volumes of solids of revolution
ME12 -5	applies appropriate statistical processes to present, analyse and interpret data
ME12 -6	chooses and uses appropriate technology to solve problems in a range of contexts
ME12 -7	evaluates and justifies conclusions, communicating a position clearly in appropriate mathematical forms

External Assessment:

All students studying the Mathematics Extension 1 course will sit for a 2 hour formal HSC Examination. The format will be: 10 multiple choice questions and 4 x 15 mark free response questions. An official NESA reference sheet containing many formulae and results will be provided for this and every assessment task.

Internal Assessment:

The Year 12 HSC course will have 4 assessment tasks worth 20%, 20%, 20% and 40% respectively. The 20% tasks are in class assessments tasks. The 40% task is a formal 2 hour Trial HSC Examination. **Please note:** The Extension 1 candidates will sit for all Advanced and Extension 1 assessment tasks and HSC examinations.

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1

Task Number	TASK 1	TASK 2	TASK 3	TASK 4	
Nature of tasks	Open Book Test (students may bring in a hand-written A4 sheet of paper)	In class task	In class task	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 8	Term 1 Week 8	Term 2 Week 5	Term 3 Weeks 3 - 5	
Outcomes assessed	ME12-1, ME11-5, ME12-6, ME12-7	ME12-2, ME12-4 ME12-6, ME12-7	ME12-3, ME12-4, ME12-6, ME12-7	ME 11 and 12-ALL	
Component					Weighting
Understanding, Fluency and Communicating	10	10	10	20	50
Problem Solving, Reasoning and Justification	10	10	10	20	50
TOTAL %	20	20	20	40	100

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2 HSC Course Outcomes

MEX12-1	understands and uses different representations of numbers and functions to model, prove results and find solutions to problems in a variety of contexts
MEX12-2	chooses appropriate strategies to construct arguments and proofs in both practical and abstract settings
MEX12-3	uses vectors to model and solve problems in two and three dimensions
MEX12-4	uses the relationship between algebraic and geometric representations of complex numbers and complex number techniques to prove results, model and solve problems
MEX12-5	applies techniques of integration to structured and unstructured problems
MEX12-6	uses mechanics to model and solve practical problems
MEX12-7	applies various mathematical techniques and concepts to model and solve structured, unstructured and multi-step problems
MEX12-8	communicates and justifies abstract ideas and relationships using appropriate language, notation and logical argument

External Assessment:

All students studying the Mathematics Extension 2 course will sit for a 3 hour formal HSC Examination. The format will be: 10 multiple choice questions and 6 x 15 mark free response questions. An official NESAs reference sheet containing many formulae and results will be provided for this and every assessment task.

Internal Assessment:

There is no Year 11 course for this subject. Students are enrolled by invitation only, depending on their Year 11 Advanced and Extension 1 results. This course commences at the beginning of term 4 of Year 11.

The Year 12 HSC course will have 4 assessment tasks worth 20%, 20%, 20% and 40% respectively. The 20% tasks are in class assessment tasks. The 40% task is a formal 3 hour Trial HSC Examination.

Please note: The Extension 2 students do not sit for the Mathematics Advanced HSC Examination (only the Extension 1 and Extension 2 Examinations), however, they are required to do all Mathematics Advanced internal Assessment Tasks up to, but not including, the Trial HSC Examination.

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2

Task number	TASK 1	TASK 2	TASK 3	TASK 4	
Nature of tasks	In class task	In class task	In class task	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 9	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 9	Term 3 Weeks 3- 5	
Outcomes assessed	MEX12-4, 12MEX12-7 12MEX12-8	MEX12-3, MEX12-2 12MEX12-7, 12MEX12-8	MEX12-5,12MEX12-7 12MEX12-8	MEX12-ALL	
Component					Weighting
Understanding, Fluency and Communicating	10	10	10	20	50
Problem Solving, Reasoning and Justification	10	10	10	20	50
TOTAL %	20	20	20	40	100

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

HEALTH AND MOVEMENT SCIENCE COURSE OUTCOMES

Knowledge		Skills	
HM-12-01	analyses the health status of Australians at a national and international level	HM-12-06	Analysis: critically analyses the relationships and implications of health and movement concepts
HM-12-02	examines how technology and data can achieve better health for all Australians	HM-12-07	Communication: communicates health and movement concepts using modes appropriate to a range of audiences and contexts
HM-12-03	evaluates how the Sustainable Development Goals can be used to improve the health of a community	HM-12-08	Creative thinking: generates and assesses new ideas that are meaningful and relevant to health and movement contexts
HM-12-04	investigates factors that impact movement and performance	HM-12-09	Problem-solving: proposes and evaluates solutions to complex health and movement issues
HM-12-05	analyses individual and group training programs to improve performance	HM-12-10	Research: analyses a range of sources to make conclusions and judgements about health and movement concepts

HEALTH AND MOVEMENT SCIENCE

Task Number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Training for Improved Performance In-Class Task	Depth Study - Return from Injury Hand In - Case Study	Health in an Australian and Global Context Health Inequity Report	HSC Trial Examination Formal Written Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 9	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 6	Term 3 Week 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	HM-12-04, HM-12-07	HM-12-05, HM-12-08, HM-12-09	HM-12-01, HM-12-08, HM-12-10	HM-12-01, HM-12-02, HM-12-03, HM-12-04, HM-12-05	
Component					Weighting
Knowledge and Understanding of course content	5	10	5	20	40
Skills in collaboration, analysis, communication, creative thinking, problem-solving and research	15	20	15	10	60
Total %	20	30	20	30	100

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES COURSE OUTCOMES

H1.1	analyses the effect of resource management on the wellbeing of individuals, groups, families and communities	H3.4	critically evaluates the impact of social, legal and technological change on individuals, groups, families and communities
H2.1	analyses different approaches to parenting and caring relationships	H4.1	justifies and applies appropriate research methodologies
H2.2	evaluates strategies to contribute to positive relationships and the wellbeing of individuals, groups, families and communities	H4.2	communicates ideas, debates issues and justifies opinions
H2.3	critically examines how individual rights and responsibilities in various environments contribute to wellbeing	H5.1	proposes management strategies to enable individuals and groups to satisfy their specific needs and to ensure equitable access to resources
H3.1	analyses the sociocultural factors that lead to special needs of individuals in groups	H5.2	develops strategies for managing multiple roles and demands of family, work and other environments
H3.2	evaluates networks available to individuals, groups and families within communities	H6.1	analyses how the empowerment of women and men influences the way they function within society

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES

Task Number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Core 2 – Groups in Context Investigation Issues of Concern for a Group Within the Community	Core 1 – Research Methodologies Independent Research Project	Core 3 – Parenting and Caring Presentation Preparations for Becoming a Parent or Carer	HSC Trial Examination Formal Written Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 9	Term 1 Week 8	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	H1.1, H2.2, H3.1	H4. 1, H4.2	H2.1, H3.2, H5.2	H2.3, H3.3, H5.1 H6.1, H6.2	
Component					Weighting
Knowledge and Understanding of course content	5	5	10	20	40
Skills in critical thinking, research methodology, analysing and communicating	15	20	15	10	60
Total %	20	25	25	30	100

SCIENCE

BIOLOGY HSC Course Outcomes

BIO12-1	develops and evaluates questions and hypotheses for scientific investigation
BIO12-2	designs and evaluates investigations in order to obtain primary and secondary data and information
BIO12-3	conducts investigations to collect valid and reliable primary and secondary data and information
BIO12-4	selects and processes appropriate qualitative and quantitative data and information using a range of appropriate media
BIO12-5	analyses and evaluates primary and secondary data and information
BIO12-6	solves scientific problems using primary and secondary data, critical thinking skills and scientific processes

BIO12-7	communicates scientific understanding using suitable language and terminology for a specific audience or purpose
BIO12-12	explains the structures of DNA and analyses the mechanisms of inheritance and how processes of reproduction ensure continuity of species
BIO12-13	explains natural genetic change and the use of genetic technologies to induce genetic change
BIO12-14	analyses infectious disease in terms of cause, transmission, management and the organism's response, including the human immune system
BIO12-15	explains non-infectious disease and disorders and a range of technologies and methods used to assist, control, prevent and treat non-infectious disease

BIOLOGY

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of Tasks	Data Processing Task	Depth Study	Analysis Task	Trial HSC examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 9	Term 1 Week 7	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Weeks 3 – 4	
Outcomes Assessed	BIO12-4, BIO12-5, BIO12-12	BIO12-1, BIO12-2 BIO12-3, BIO12-4, BIO12-5, BIO12-6, BIO12-7, BIO12-13	BIO12-5, BIO12-6, BIO12-7, BIO12-14	BIO12-4, BIO12-5, BIO12-6, BIO12-7, BIO12-12, BIO12-13, BIO12-14, BIO12-15	
Component					Weighting %
Skills in working scientifically	10	25	15	10	60
Knowledge and understanding of course content	5	5	10	20	40
Total %	15	30	25	30	100

CHEMISTRY HSC Course Outcomes

CH12-1	develops and evaluates questions and hypotheses for scientific investigation
CH12-2	designs and evaluates investigations in order to obtain primary and secondary data and information
CH12-3	conducts investigations to collect valid and reliable primary and secondary data and information
CH12-4	selects and processes appropriate qualitative and quantitative data and information using a range of appropriate media
CH12-5	analyses and evaluates primary and secondary data and information

CH12-6	solves scientific problems using primary and secondary data, critical thinking skills and scientific processes
CH12-7	communicates scientific understanding using suitable language and terminology for a specific audience or purpose
CH12-12	explains the characteristics of equilibrium systems, and the factors that affect these systems
CH12-13	describes, explains and quantitatively analyses acids and bases using contemporary models
CH12-14	analyses the structure of, and predicts reactions involving, carbon compounds
CH12-15	describes and evaluates chemical systems used to design and analyse chemical processes

CHEMISTRY

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Depth Study	Data Analysis Task	Practical skills & Problem-Solving Task	Trial HSC examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 7	Term 1 Week 8	Term 2 Week 9	Term 3 Weeks 3-4	
Outcomes assessed	CH12-1, CH12-2, CH12-3, CH12-4, CH12-5, CH12-6, CH12-7, CH12-12	CH12-4, CH12-5, CH12-6, CH12-12, CH12-13	CH12-2, CH12-4, CH12- 5, CH12-6, CH12-7, CH12-14	CH12-4, CH12-5, CH12-6, CH12-7, CH12-12, CH12-13, CH12-14, CH12-15	
Component					Weighting %
Skills in working scientifically	20	15	15	10	60
Knowledge and Understanding of Course content	5	5	10	20	40
Total %	25	20	25	30	100

EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE HSC Course Outcomes

EES12-1	Develops and evaluates questions and hypotheses for scientific investigation.
EES12-2	Designs and evaluates investigations in order to obtain primary and secondary data and information.
EES12-3	Conducts investigations to collect valid and reliable primary and secondary data and information.
EES12-4	Selects and processes appropriate qualitative and quantitative data and information using a range of appropriate media.
EES12-5	Analyses and evaluates primary and secondary data and information
EES12-6	Solves scientific problems using primary and secondary data, critical thinking skills and scientific processes

EES12-7	Communicates scientific understanding using suitable language and terminology for a specific audience or purpose
EES12-12	Describes and evaluates the models that show the structure and development of the Earth over its history
EES12-13	Describes and evaluates the causes of the Earth's hazards and the ways in which they affect, and are affected by, the Earth's systems
EES12-14	Analyses the natural processes and human influences on the Earth, including the scientific evidence for changes in climate.
EES12-15	Describes and assesses renewable and non-renewable Earth resources and how their extraction, use, consumption and disposal affect the Earth's systems

EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Practical skills and problem-solving task	Depth Study Research and report – use of technologies to predict geological and climatic disasters	Analysis Task	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 8	Term 1 Week 6	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Week 3 - 4	
Outcomes assessed	EES12-3, EES12-4, EES12-5, EES12-12	EES12-1, EES12-2, EES12-5, EES12-7, EES12-13	EES12-5, EES12-6, EES12-7, EES12-14	EES12-4, EES12-5, EES12-6, EES12-7, EES12-12, EES12-13, EES12-14, EES12-15	
Component					Weighting %
Skills in working scientifically	15	15	10	20	60
Knowledge and understanding	5	15	10	10	40
Total %	20	30	20	30	100

PHYSICS HSC Course Outcomes

PH12-1	develops and evaluates questions and hypotheses for scientific investigation
PH12-2	designs and evaluates investigations in order to obtain primary and secondary data and information
PH12-3	conducts investigations to collect valid and reliable primary and secondary data and information
PH12-4	selects and processes appropriate qualitative and quantitative data and information using a range of appropriate media
PH12-5	analyses and evaluates primary and secondary data and information
PH12-6	solves scientific problems using primary and secondary data, critical thinking skills and scientific processes
PH12-7	communicates scientific understanding using suitable language and terminology for a specific audience or purpose

PH12-12	describes and analyses qualitatively and quantitatively circular motion and motion in a gravitational field, in particular, the projectile motion of particles
PH12-13	explains and analyses the electric and magnetic interactions due to charged particles and currents and evaluates their effect both qualitatively and quantitatively
PH12-14	describes and analyses the evidence for the properties of light and evaluates the implications of this evidence for modern theories of physics in the contemporary world
PH12-15	explains and analyses the evidence supporting the relationship between astronomical events and the nucleosynthesis of atoms and relates these to the development of the current model of the atom

PHYSICS

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Practical Skills Task	Data Processing and Extended Response Task	Depth Study	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 9	Term 1 Week 9	Term 2 Week 6	Term 3 Weeks 3-4	
Outcomes assessed	PH12-2, PH12-4, PH12-5, PH12-6, PH12-12	PH12-4, PH12-5, PH12-6, PH12-7, PH12-13	PH12-1, PH12-2, PH12-3, PH12-4, PH12-5, PH12-6, PH12-7, PH12-14, PH12-15	PH12-4, PH12-5, PH12-6, PH12-7, PH12-12, PH12-13 PH12-14, PH12-15	
Component					Weighting %
Skills in working scientifically	15	15	20	10	60
Knowledge and understanding	5	10	5	20	40
Total %	20	25	25	30	100

SCIENCE EXTENSION HSC Course Outcomes

SE-1	refines and applies the Working Scientifically processes in relation to scientific research
SE-2	analyses historic and cultural observations, ethical considerations and philosophical arguments involved in the development of science knowledge and scientific methods of inquiry
SE-3	interrogates relevant and valid peer-reviewed scientific research to develop a scientific research question, hypothesis, proposal and plan
SE-4	uses statistical applications, mathematical processes and/or modelling to gather, process,

	analyse and represent reliable and valid datasets
SE-5	analyses and applies the processes used in reliable and valid scientific research to solve complex scientific problems and inform further research
SE-6	analyses and reports on a contemporary issue or an application of science informed by either primary or secondary-sourced data, or both, in relation to relevant publicly available data sets
SE-7	communicates analysis of an argument or conclusion incorporating appropriate scientific language and referencing techniques in a scientific report

SCIENCE EXTENSION

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	
Nature of tasks	Research Proposal (Section 1 skills)	In class test (Section 2 Skills)	Scientific Research Report	
Timing	Term 1 Week 4	Term 2 Week 9	Term 3 Week 6	
Outcomes assessed	SE-1, SE-3, SE-6, SE-7	SE-1, SE-2, SE-4, SE-5	SE-1, SE-3, SE-4, SE-5, SE-6, SE-7	
Component				Weighting %
Communicating scientifically	10	10	10	30
Gathering, recording, analysing and evaluating data	5	10	15	30
Application of scientific research skills	15	10	15	40
Total %	30	30	40	100

SOCIAL SCIENCES

BUSINESS STUDIES HSC Course Outcomes

H1	critically analyses the role of business in Australia and globally
H2	evaluates management strategies in response to changes in internal and external influences
H3	discusses the social and ethical responsibilities of management
H4	analyses business functions and processes in large and global businesses
H5	explains management strategies and their impact on businesses

H6	evaluates the effectiveness of management in the performance of businesses
H7	plans and conducts investigations into contemporary business issues
H8	organises and evaluates information for actual and hypothetical business situations
H9	communicates business information, issues and concepts in appropriate formats
H10	applies mathematical concepts appropriately in business situations

BUSINESS STUDIES

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Class Task	Class Task	Class Task	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Weeks 8-9	Term 1 Weeks 9-10	Term 2 Weeks 7-8	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	H2, H5, H8	H4, H7, H9	H5, H6, H8	H1, H3, H10	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content	10	10	10	10	40
Stimulus-based skills	5	5		10	20
Inquiry and research	5	5	10		20
Communication of business information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms		5	5	10	20
Total %	20	25	25	30	100

ECONOMICS HSC Course Outcomes

H1	demonstrates understanding of economic terms, concepts and relationships
H2	analyses the economic role of individuals, firms, institutions and governments
H3	explains the role of markets within the global economy
H4	analyses the impact of global markets on the Australian and global economies
H5	discusses policy options for dealing with problems and issues in contemporary and hypothetical contexts
H6	analyses the impact of economic policies in theoretical and contemporary Australian contexts

H7	evaluates the consequences of contemporary economic problems and issues on individuals, firms and governments
H8	applies appropriate terminology, concepts and theories in contemporary and hypothetical economic contexts
H9	selects and organises information from a variety of sources for relevance and reliability
H10	communicates economic information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms
H11	applies mathematical concepts in economic contexts

ECONOMICS

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Class Task	Class Task	Class Task	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 7	Term 1 Weeks 7-8	Term 2 Weeks 8-9	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	H3, H5	H1, H4	H1, H7, H9	H2, H5, H11	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content	5	10	10	15	40
Stimulus-based skills		5	5	10	20
Inquiry and research	5	5	10		20
Communication of economic information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms	5	5	5	5	20
Total %	15	25	30	30	100

LEGAL STUDIES Course Outcomes

H1	identifies and applies legal concepts and terminology
H2	describes and explains key features of and the relationship between Australian and international law
H3	analyses the operation of domestic and international legal systems
H4	evaluates the effectiveness of the legal system in addressing issues
H5	explains the role of law in encouraging cooperation and resolving conflict, as well as initiating and responding to change

H6	assesses the nature of the interrelationship between the legal system and society
H7	evaluates the effectiveness of the law in achieving justice
H8	locates, selects, organises, synthesises and analyses legal information from a variety of sources including legislation, cases, media, international instruments and documents
H9	communicates legal information using well-structured and logical arguments
H10	analyses differing perspectives and interpretations of legal information and issues.

LEGAL STUDIES

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Class Task	Class Task	Class Task	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 1 Week 2-3	Term 1 Week 9-10	Term 2 Week 9-10	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	H1, H4, H8	H5, H7, H9	H3, H6, H10	H2, H5 H8,	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content	5	10	10	15	40
Analysis and evaluation	5		5	10	20
Inquiry and research	5	10	5		20
Communication of legal information, issues and ideas in appropriate forms	5	5	5	5	20
Total %	20	25	25	30	100

TECHNOLOGY AND APPLIED STUDIES (TAS)

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY HSC Course Outcomes

H1.1	critically analyses the factors affecting design and the development and success of design projects
H1.2	relates the practices and processes of designers and producers to the major design project
H2.1	explains the influence of trends in society on design and production
H2.2	evaluates the impact of design and innovation on society and the environment
H3.1	analyses the factors that influence innovation and the success of innovation
H3.2	uses creative and innovative approaches in designing and producing
H4.1	identifies a need or opportunity and researches and explores ideas for design development and production of the major design project

H4.2	selects and uses resources responsibly and safely to realise a quality major design project
H4.3	evaluates the processes undertaken and the impacts of the major design project
H5.1	manages the development of a quality major design project
H5.2	selects and uses appropriate research methods and communication techniques
H6.1	justifies technological activities undertaken in the major design project through the study of industrial and commercial practices
H6.2	critically assesses the emergence and impact of new technologies, and the factors affecting their development

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Project Proposal Presentation	Innovation and Emerging Technology Case Study*	Project Development and Management Report	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 9	Term 1 Week 5	Term 2 Week 9	Term 3 Weeks 3-4	
Outcomes assessed	H2.1, H4.1, H4.2	H2.2, H3.1, H3.2, H6.2	H4.3, H5.1, H5.2, H6.1	H1.1, H1.2, H2.1, H2.2, H3.1, H6.2	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content		20		20	40
Knowledge and skills in designing, managing, producing and evaluating a major design project	20		30	10	60
Total %	20	20	30	30	100

FOOD TECHNOLOGY HSC Course Outcomes

H1.1	explains manufacturing processes and technologies used in the production of food products
H1.2	examines the nature and extent of the Australian food industry
H1.3	justifies processes of food product development and manufacture in terms of market, technological and environmental considerations
H1.4	evaluates the impact of the operation of an organisation within the Australian Food Industry on the individual, society and environment
H2.1	evaluates the relationship between food, its production, consumption, promotion and health

H3.1	investigates operations of one organisation within the Australian food industry
H3.2	independently investigates contemporary nutrition issues
H4.1	develops, prepares and presents food using product development processes
H4.2	applies principles of food preservation to extend the life of food and maintain safety
H5.1	develops, realises and evaluates solutions to a range of food situations

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Australian Food Industry Launchpad Guide Task	Food Manufacture Ice Cream 1 Case Study and In-class written response	Food Product Development and Practical Create a food product and practical	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4, Week 8	Term 1, Week 10	Term 2, Week 9	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	H1.2, H1.4, H3.1	H1.1, H4.2	H1.3, H4.1, H4.2, H5.1	H1.1, H1.2, H1.3, H1.4, H2.1, H3.1, H3.2, H4.1, H4.2, H5.1	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content	10	5	5	20	40
Knowledge and skills in designing, researching, analysing and evaluating	10	10	5	5	30
Skills in experimenting with and preparing food by applying theoretical concepts		15	15		30
Total %	20	30	25	25	100

HOSPITALITY



Education

Cookery
 Qualification: SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery
 Cohort 2025 - 2026
 Training Package SIT Tourism, Travel and Hospitality

RTO - NSW Department of Education - 90333

School Name: **Willoughby Girls High School**

Assessment Schedule Year 12 – 2026

Assessment Task for SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery			Task 3	Task 4	Task 5	TRIAL EXAM
Ongoing assessment of skills and knowledge is collected throughout the course and forms part of the evidence of competence of students			Week 10	Week 10	Week 10	Week 3 and 4
			Term 4	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Code	Unit Name	HSC Examinable				
SITHKOP009	Clean kitchen premises and equipment	X	X			
SITXINV006	Receive, store <u>and</u> maintain stock		X			
SITHCCC026	Packaged prepared foodstuffs			X		
SITHCCC023	Use food preparation equipment	X			X	
SITHCCC024	Prepare and present simple dishes				X	
SITHCCC027	Prepare dishes using basic methods of cookery	X			X	
SITHCCC034	Work effectively in a commercial kitchen				X	

Depending on the achievement of units of competency, the possible qualification outcome is a SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery.

For students sitting the optional HSC exam, an estimated mark is required. This mark is to be an estimate of likely performance in the HSC examination and will reflect each student's achievement of tasks similar to the HSC examination, such as a trial HSC examination.

The assessment components in this course are competency based. Students must demonstrate they have gained the knowledge and skills of each unit of competency, to industry standards. Competency assessment is graded as "not yet competent" or "competent". In some cases, other descriptive words may be used leading up to "competent".

TEXTILES AND DESIGN HSC Course Outcomes

H1.1	critically analyses and explains the factors that have contributed to the design and manufacture of the Major Textiles Project
H1.2	designs a textile item/s that demonstrates an understanding of functional and aesthetic requirements
H1.3	identifies the principles of colouration for specific enduses
H2.1	communicates design concepts and manufacturing specifications to both technical and non-technical audiences
H2.2	demonstrates proficiency in the manufacture of a textile item/s
H2.3	Effectively manages the design and manufacture of a Major Textiles Project to completion

H3.1	explains the interrelationship between fabric, yarn and fibre properties
H3.2	develops knowledge and awareness of emerging textile technologies
H4.1	justifies the selection of fabric, yarn, fibre and fabric finishing techniques for specific end-uses
H4.2	selects and justifies manufacturing techniques, materials and equipment for a specific end-use
H5.1	investigates and describes aspects of marketing in the textile industry
H5.2	analyses and discusses the impact of current issues on the Australian textiles industry
H6.1	analyses the influence of historical, cultural and contemporary developments on textiles

TEXTILES AND DESIGN

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Marketing Report	Culture Study and in-class written response	Project Presentation	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 8	Term 1 Week 6	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	H5.1, H5.2	H6.1	H1.1, H1.2, H2.2, H3.1, H4.2	H1.3, H3.1, H3.2, H4.1, H5.1, H5.2, H6.1	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content	5	10		25	40
Skills and knowledge in the design, manufacture and management of textiles projects	10	15	30	5	60
Total %	15	25	30	30	100

ENTERPRISE COMPUTING HSC Course Outcomes

EC-12-01	explains how systems meet the needs of a range of enterprises
EC-12_02	explains the function of data and information within enterprise computing systems
EC-12_03	explains and evaluates how data is safely and securely collected, stored and manipulated when developing enterprise computing systems
EC-12_04	explains how data is used in enterprise computing systems
EC-12_05	applies tools and resources to analyse complex datasets
EC-12_06	analyses how innovative technologies have influenced enterprise computing systems

EC-12_07	explains the social, ethical and legal implications of the application of enterprise computing systems on the individual, society and the environment
EC-12_08	justifies the selection and use of tools and resources to design and develop an enterprise computing system
EC-12_09	selects and applies methods to record the management and evaluate the development of an enterprise computing system
EC-12_10	evaluates the effectiveness of an enterprise computing system
EC-12_11	communicates an enterprise computing solution to a specific audience

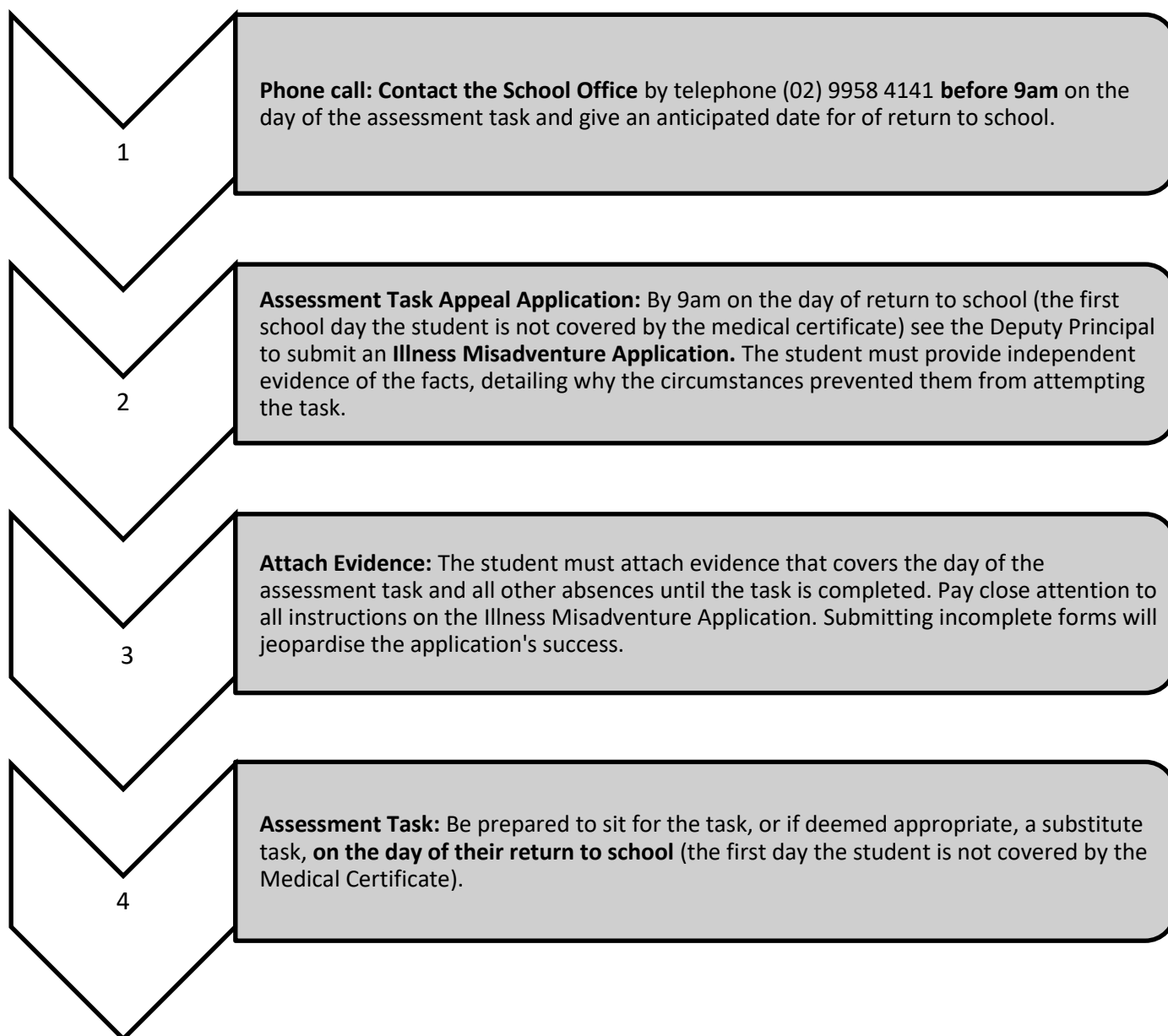
ENTERPRISE COMPUTING

Task number	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3	Task 4	
Nature of tasks	Data Science: Theory and practical (Excel and SQL)	Data visualisation: Share market game	Enterprise project	Trial HSC Examination	
Timing	Term 4 Week 9	Term 1 Week 10	Term 2 Week 8	Term 3 Examination Period	
Outcomes assessed	EC-12-01, EC-12-02, EC-12-05, EC-12-07	EC-12-05, EC-12-03, EC-12-01, EC-12-08	EC-12-07, EC-12-08, EC-12-04	EC-12-04, EC-12-06, EC-12-07, EC-12-10	
Component					Weighting %
Knowledge and understanding of course content	10	15	10	15	50
Knowledge and skills in the practical application of the content	10	15	10	15	50
Total %	20	30	20	30	100

APPENDICES

ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS OR MISADVENTURE

Willoughby Girls High School has a process in place to support all students who experience illness or misadventure in relation to assessment tasks. It is important that all students and families familiarise themselves with the illness/misadventure process. See the flow chart below. For more information refer to the Willoughby Girls High School Assessment Policy.





Appendix 1 - ILLNESS/MISADVENTURE APPLICATION– Year 12

Name: _____ Course: _____
 Assessment Task: _____ Due Date: _____
 Class: _____ Teacher: _____

Reason for application (please tick):

Illness

Absent the day before an Assessment Task

Missed a class or part of a class the day before an Assessment Task

Absent on date of an Assessment Task

Missed a class or part of a class the day of an Assessment Task

Misadventure

Other school commitment on the day of an Assessment Task:

Another reason (please specify):

Special Consideration

Special consideration sought (please specify):

Do you have Disability Provisions for this task?

Yes: please provide details _____

No

Supporting Documentation

Medical Certificate from doctor with date and symptoms specified

Other _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL BEFORE 9AM ON THE DAY THAT YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL AND HANDED TO THE FACULTY HEAD TEACHER BY 3PM ON THE SAME DAY. YOU WILL BE INFORMED OF THE DETERMINATION WITHIN TWO DAYS OF LODGEMENT OF THIS APPLICATION.

Head Teacher and Deputy Principal Determination:

Application approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Task to be accepted without penalty <input type="checkbox"/> Extension granted, to be submitted on: _____ (date) <input type="checkbox"/> Task to be completed on: _____ (date)
Application to be reviewed	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark to be reviewed at conclusion of the assessment period
Application declined	<input type="checkbox"/> Zero mark awarded

Signature of Head Teacher: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Deputy Principal: _____ Date: _____

Student Acknowledgement:

I acknowledge the arrangement above.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE OUTCOME YOU MAY APPEAL IN WRITING TO THE PRINCIPAL WITHIN 2 DAYS OF RECEIVING THIS DETERMINATION.

STEPS TO COMPLETE APPENDIX 1
(Illness & Misadventure Application)

1. Collect form immediately on return to school or prior from the Deputy Principal.



2. Complete form ensuring all sections are complete.



3. Attach any supporting documentation to the application.



4. Submit form to Deputy Principal.



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Appendix 2: ASSIGNMENT/ASSESSMENT TASK COVER SHEET

Please attach this signed cover sheet to every assignment/assessment task you submit.

Surname:	Given Name:
Subject:	Due Date:
Teacher:	Task Title:
Date of submission:	

DECLARATION - Where you are able to do so, please tick in the box adjacent to the statement.

- This task is entirely my own work based on my personal study and or research
- I have acknowledged all material and sources used in the preparation of this task per the assessment task notification
- Generative AI that contradicts the school’s assessment policy has not been used
- This task or substantial parts of it, has not been submitted for assessment for any formal course of study in this school or any other institution, unless acknowledged in the task and previously agreed to by the teacher
- The task is within the word limit specified for the task
- I understand that this task may undergo electronic detection for plagiarism /malpractice
- I understand that in the case of suspected malpractice, I will be required to provide evidence that all unacknowledged work is entirely my own. Such evidence may include: answering questions regarding the task, and providing evidence of the process such as drafts, diaries, working plans, sketches to show the development of the ideas.

I understand that if I am unable to provide evidence that the task is my own work, then I will receive a mark of zero for the task and that details of the malpractice will be entered on NESA’s Malpractice register.

I have read and understood the Willoughby Girls High School Assessment Policy.

Student Signature/Confirmation: Date:

I have read and understood the statements above. I certify that this task is entirely my own work and that I have fully referenced all my sources.

Student Signature/Confirmation: Date:



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Appendix 3: MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

(The school requires a student to notify their doctor that they are using this medical certificate to claim illness or misadventure for a scheduled assessment task)

Doctor's Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

I, _____ a legally qualified medical practitioner certify that on the above date, I examined _____ (patient's name).

The patient is suffering from _____
(Diagnosis provided with patient's consent where possible)

Is suffering from a medical condition of a confidential nature

In my opinion this condition will affect the completion of the following: (please tick)

	In minor way	Moderately	Severely
CLASS ATTENDANCE			
WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS			
PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS			
PRIVATE STUDY			

For the period: _____ to _____

EXAMINATIONS: I certify that the student is medically unfit to sit for examination/s on:

OTHER REMARKS: _____

_____ Signature of Medical Practitioner	DOCTORS STAMP HERE OR ATTACH A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE
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Appendix 4: SAMPLE COPY OF OFFICIAL WARNING LETTER

Willoughby Girls High School

151 Mowbray Rd

Willoughby NSW 2068

Ph: 02 99584141

Email: willoughbg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Date

Mr & Mrs Smith
1 First St
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Mr and Mrs Smith

OFFICIAL WARNING – Non-completion of a Higher School Certificate Course

This letter is to advise that your daughter, <name>, is in danger of not meeting the requirements for satisfactory completion of the Higher School Certificate course in <course name>.

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) requires schools to issue students who are in danger of not meeting course requirements with official warnings in order to give them the opportunity to correct the problem. A minimum of two course-specific warnings must be issued prior to a final non-completion of course determination being made.

This is the <1st> official warning we have issued notifying you that <name> is at risk of not completing the above course.

Criteria for satisfactory completion of a course

For a student to satisfactorily complete a course, NESA requires the principal to have sufficient evidence that the student has:

- (a) **followed** the course developed or endorsed by NESA; and
- (b) **applied** herself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
- (c) **achieved** some or all of the course outcomes.

Where it is determined that a student has not met the course completion requirements, they place themselves at risk of receiving a determination of non-completion of course requirements. This will mean that the course will not be listed on the student's Record of Achievement and may affect the student's eligibility for the Higher School Certificate. In Year 12, students must make a genuine attempt at assessment tasks that contribute in excess of 50% of the available marks. Completion of tasks worthy of exactly 50% is not sufficient; tasks worth in excess of 50% must be completed.

<Name> is not currently meeting one or more of these requirements. In particular, she <brief description of what the student <has /has not done>.

Opportunity to correct the problem

The following tasks or requirements need to be completed by <name> to correct the problem.

Task or course requirement	Percentage weighting	Original due date	Action required by student	Date for completion

Action by parent/guardian

To support <name> in meeting the course requirements, we request that you discuss this matter with her, and encourage and support her to carry out the required actions. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact the Deputy Principal.

Please complete the acknowledgement below and return it to the school. Please feel free to add additional comments if you wish.

Yours sincerely

_____ <Teacher name>

_____ <Head Teacher name>

_____ <Deputy Principal name>

.....
Acknowledgement of Official Warning
(Please return this section to the school office)

I have received the letter dated <date> advising me that <name> is in danger of not meeting the course completion requirements for <course name>, and am aware that this is the <1st> official warning.

I am aware that any course not satisfactorily completed will not be listed on the student’s Record of Achievement and may affect the student’s eligibility for the Higher School Certificate.

Parent/Guardian’s signature: _____ Date: _____

Student’s signature: _____ Date: _____



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Appendix 5: HSC ASSESSMENT BOOKLET ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I _____, (*name printed*) have received the Willoughby Girl's High School assessment document for 2025-2026.

I am aware of the assessment requirements for each course, and I have noted in particular the sections: Illness/Misadventure, "Late Work", Malpractice and the "NESA's Policy on Non Attempts", as outlined below.

Any assessment handed in **late** will be **checked diagnostically** but will receive **no marks** – it will be classified as a **NON-ATTEMPT OR NON-SERIOUS ATTEMPT**.

NESA'S POLICY ON NON-ATTEMPTS/NON-SERIOUS ATTEMPTS

A candidate receives zero marks for an assessment task:

- For non-completion of a task by the due date, or
- Because of the standard of work that task will be considered to be a NON-ATTEMPT.

"When a candidate has been give zero marks (i.e. NON-ATTEMPT) because of failure to complete assessment tasks totalling 50% or more of the final assessment marks, the Principal must certify that the course has not been studied satisfactorily."

In these circumstances the candidate may be ineligible for a Higher School Certificate.

NB: Candidates and parents will be notified in writing when tasks are NON-ATTEMPTS and when the "50% rule" is in danger of being breached.

Student Signature

Parent/Caregiver's Name

Parent/Caregiver's Signature

Date: _____

**This page is to be left in the booklet.
All students will complete an online HSC Assessment Booklet Acknowledgement.**

Appendix 6: GLOSSARY OF KEY WORDS

Syllabus outcomes, objectives, performance bands and examination questions have key words that state what students are expected to be able to do. A glossary of key words has been developed to help provide a common language and consistent meaning in the Higher School Certificate documents.

Using the glossary will help teachers and students understand what is expected in responses to examinations and assessment tasks.

Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Account for - state reasons for, report on. Give an account of – narrate a series of events or transactions
Analyse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify components and the relationship between them. Draw out and relate implications.
Apply	Use in a different, new or unfamiliar situation.
Appreciate	Make a judgement about the value of.
Assess	Make a judgement of value, quality, outcomes, results or size.
Calculate	Ascertain/determine from given facts, figures or information.
Clarify	Make clear or plain.
Classify	Arrange or include in classes/categories.
Compare	Show how things are similar or different.
Construct	Make. Build. Put together items or arguments.
Contrast	Show how things are different or opposite.
Critically analyse/evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critically analyse: use interpretation and reasoning to assess a range of evidence and make judgements based on detailed analysis. Critically evaluate: Add a degree or level of accuracy, knowledge and understanding, logic, questioning, reflection and quality to evaluate.
Deduce	Draw conclusions.
Define	State meaning and identify essential qualities.
Demonstrate	Show by example.
Describe	Provide characteristics and features.
Discuss	Identify issues and provide points for and/or against.
Distinguish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognise or note/indicate as being distinct or different from. To note differences between.
Evaluate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a judgement based on criteria. Determine the value of.
Examine	Inquire into.
Explain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relate cause and effect. Make the relationships between things evident. Provide why and/or how.
Extract	Choose relevant and/or appropriate details.
Extrapolate	Infer from what is known.
Identify	Recognise and name.
Interpret	Draw meaning from.
Investigate	Plan, inquire into and draw conclusions about.
Justify	Support an argument or conclusion.
Outline	Sketch in general terms; indicate the main features of.
Predict	Suggest what may happen based on available information.
Propose	Put forward (for example a point of view, idea, argument, suggestion) for consideration or action.
Recall	Present remembered ideas, facts or experiences.

Recommend	Provide reasons in favour.
Recount	Retell a series of events.
Summarise	Express, concisely, the relevant details.
Synthesise	Putting together various elements to make a whole.

Appendix 7: USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN YOUR LEARNING

When using Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (like ChatGPT, Grammarly, image generators, or any other AI technology) for schoolwork, it is important to use them in a way that is honest, respectful, and thoughtful. The following questions are designed to help guide you in making responsible choices:

1. Trust, Ethics and Integrity

Ask yourself:

- Do I understand where the AI-generated information is coming from? Do not just accept answers without thinking and consider the source.
- Have I checked the AI's information against reliable and trusted sources? AI tools can make mistakes or present biased or incorrect information.
- Am I being honest about how I used AI in my work? If AI helped you plan, summarise, brainstorm or create content, you must acknowledge that use in your references or notes.
- Have I thought about whether the content respects Indigenous data sovereignty and cultural considerations? Some knowledge, particularly from First Nations communities, is sacred or protected and should not be used without permission.
- Am I uploading or sharing information that is not mine to share? This includes:
 - Personal or sensitive information
 - Copyrighted or licensed materials
 - Indigenous data
 - Another person's work or ideas

2. Human-Centred and Equitable Learning

Reflect on how you are using AI in your learning:

- Am I using AI to support my own thinking, creativity, and collaboration, rather than replacing them?
- Am I still learning how to communicate, collaborate, and connect with others in real-life learning situations? Over-reliance on AI may weaken essential interpersonal and teamwork skills.

3. Responsible Use and Future Preparedness

Think ahead to how your choices today shape your future:

- Am I using AI as a tool to help me learn and not as a shortcut to avoid the work?
- Am I continuing to build important learning skills like critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity while using AI?
- Am I preparing for future study or work environments where smart and ethical use of AI will be expected?
- Do I understand the environmental impact of using AI tools? Every AI interaction consumes significant energy and water. Being aware of this helps you use technology more thoughtfully.

Final Message

AI is a powerful tool, but it should never replace your own ideas, thinking, or voice. Use it to support your learning, not to avoid it. Be curious, be ethical, and most importantly, be yourself.