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Changes to the HSC minimum standard

Dear Parents/Guardians,

From this year, Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be an early way for students to demonstrate the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy needed to receive the HSC from 2020. This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its original diagnostic purpose and reduce unnecessary stress on young people. The NSW government remains committed to requiring a minimum standard to receive the HSC due to the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for success in everyday life. Students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills, which are available for them to sit when they are ready from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

Year 10 students and NAPLAN 2017 test results

Please be assured that if you have a child in Year 10 this year, who achieved a Band 8 or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy tests, they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

Minimum standard online test periods available for Year 10 students

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

As per the information letter that was given to Y10 students on 1 February, Ingleburn High School is running a course designed to assist Y10 students to meet the HSC Standard called “*Catch up for Learning*”. “*Catch up for Learning*” will run as a targeted withdrawal program on the Y10 Z-Elective line. Students will be withdrawn for a period of 6 weeks. We will inform students in due course about when they will be withdrawn to partake in the program. Their test will be scheduled in W7-8 of the term, which falls within the designated testing period as stipulated by NESA above. Students will have two opportunities a year in Year 10 to pass any tests needed. Additional opportunities to take the tests will be available in Years 11-12 (if needed). They will also be able to take them for a few years after they leave school.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr D. Levkovski, HT Teaching & Learning, on 9605 6165.

For more information, including sample online test questions, visit www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

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