

February 2018 update

Dear Parent or Caregiver

Re: HSC minimum standard update for Year 10 parents

The NSW government is committed to requiring students to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC from 2020, because these skills are needed for success in life after school.

There will be multiple opportunities for your child to show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills. These tests can be taken when your child is ready – be that this year, in Year 11 or 12 or after the HSC. The first minimum standard online test period opened yesterday.

From this year, **Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be an early way for students to demonstrate the standard.**

This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its original diagnostic purpose and reduce unnecessary stress on young people.

Please be assured that **if your child achieved Band 8s 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.**

For more information, and flyers about the online tests and what they involve, visit the NESA website: educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

Yours sincerely

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