

Corrimal High School

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MINIMUM STANDARDS SCHEDULE - CORRIMAL HIGH SCHOOL 2019

Parent Information

Minimum Standards is a new online Literacy and Numeracy test. Students from Year 10 and Year 11 will be required to pass the minimum standards test in order to qualify for the High School Certificate. There are three tests – reading, writing and numeracy. You must pass all three to qualify. Each student will be allowed to do the test a maximum of two times per year until they achieve the standard.

At Corrimal High School we will follow the schedule:

Term 2

All Year 10 will attempt the three tests during the NAPLAN testing period.

- 14 May 2019 – Reading
- 15 May 2019 – Writing
- 16 May 2019 – Numeracy

**Students will go through sample questions in class OR can do the online demonstration tests.

Term 3

Students from Year 11 and 10M1 will re-sit test if they did not pass – date for this to be confirmed.

**Students will go through sample questions in class OR can do the online demonstration tests.

Term 4

Students from Year 11 and 10M2 will re-sit test if they did not pass – date for this to be confirmed.

**Students will go through sample questions in class OR can do the online demonstration tests.

Students can also access ONLINE tests by going to:

<https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au/demo>

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard/online-tests/what-to-expect-in-the-tests/sample-test-questions>

Students planning to leave school before completing their HSC may also take these tests to show their level of literacy and numeracy skills.

Students sitting the HSC in 2019 do not need to take these tests or meet the HSC Minimum Standards.



The tests are structured as follows:

Minimum Standard Reading Test

- 45 multiple choice questions
- Adaptive – meaning it tailors to a student's ability. Questions become harder or easier depending on whether a student is answering questions correctly or incorrectly.
- Marked electronically according to the achievement level descriptions

Minimum Standard Numeracy Test

- 45 multiple choice questions
- Adaptive – meaning it tailors to student's ability. Questions become harder or easier depending on whether a student is answering questions correctly or incorrectly.
- Marked electronically according to the achievement level descriptions

Minimum Standard Writing Test

- One question based on a visual or text prompt with up to a 500 word-response
- Marked by trained markers according to the achievement level descriptions and the following, equally weighted, criteria: relevance of writing to the topic; structure and sequence of ideas and control of language

Get help on understanding [what to expect in the tests](#).

What's the pass mark?

Students are required to achieve at least Level 3 in each of the three online tests to meet the HSC minimum standard.

What if a student doesn't pass the tests by Year 12?

Students will have many opportunities to meet the HSC minimum standard, even after they finish Year 12. It is important to note:

- Students have five years from the year they start their first HSC course to meet the HSC minimum standard, so they can take the online tests after they leave school.
- Students will be able to sit their HSC exams and receive their HSC results regardless of whether they attain the HSC minimum standard. However, without the minimum standard, they will not receive the Higher School Certificate.
- Students who do not meet the HSC minimum standard will receive a [Record of School Achievement \(RoSA\)](#) which contains a student's record of academic achievement up until the date they leave school.
- The HSC is not required to receive an [Australian Tertiary Admission Rank \(ATAR\)](#). This means students who don't meet the HSC minimum standard will still be able to apply to university, provided they meet all other ATAR requirements.
- Students who leave school prior to Year 12 can choose to sit the minimum standard online tests.



Here is the information from NESA about the tests:

You need reading, writing and maths skills to be successful in everyday life after school.

That's why you're required to show a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the Higher School Certificate (HSC) from 2020.

To check you have the basics right, you need to sit short online tests of reading, writing and maths for everyday life.

You get two chances a year to pass each of the tests from Year 10 until a few years after the HSC.

Your school will help you decide when you are ready to take each test.

If you pass the online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills you will show you've met the HSC minimum standard.

How is the standard set?

The standard is set at level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), which means students will have the basic reading, writing and maths skills needed for everyday tasks and future learning after school. It includes skills for tasks such as:

- following safety instructions in equipment manuals
- understanding a mobile phone plan
- writing a job application
- creating a personal weekly budget.

Together with the NSW Literacy and Numeracy Strategy, the HSC minimum standard is part of an effort to improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes for students.

Kind Regards

Paul Roger
Principal



HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

You need **reading, writing and maths skills for everyday life** after school. This why you are required to demonstrate a **minimum standard of literacy and numeracy** to receive the Higher School Certificate (HSC) from 2020.



To make sure you have the basics right, and show you meet the minimum standard, you need to pass short online tests of everyday reading, writing and maths skills.

- ✔ The tests will be available to take at school up to twice a year in Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12, and even after the HSC.
- ✔ Sample questions and answers are available online, as well as practice tests and advice from students who have completed the tests.
- ✔ Your school will help you decide when you are ready to take each test.
- ✔ You do not need to sit the reading, writing or numeracy online test(s) if you achieved Band 8 or above in the respective 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN test(s).

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the online tests, or an exemption. Talk to your teachers to determine whether you are eligible for provisions. A Disability Provisions, Exemptions and Appeals policy is available on the NESA website.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact your school principal or visit educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard