

HSC Minimum Standard Testing

From 2021 students will need to have met a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the Higher School Certificate. This is a new requirement which will impact on students currently in Year 10 at Cronulla High School.

All Year 10 students must now complete three online tests to meet this minimum standard.

Minimum Standard Reading Test and Minimum Standard Numeracy 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
- Results are available immediately after completion of the test

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

Students are able to attempt each test twice per year, even up to five years after leaving school. At Cronulla High School we are aiming to have all students attempt each of the three tests during Term 1 of 2019. Students will be supported in this process by attempting practice tests so they become familiar with the format and style of the Online Test. Minimum Standard Tests will be completed at different times for different classes, but students will be given prior notice of the exact time they are attempting each test.

By attempting tests early in the school year, the students who are unsuccessful in meeting the minimum standard at this first attempt will be identified and the school will put in place a support system and structure to help students meet the minimum standard. It is anticipated that these students will then have a second attempt at the test or tests during the second half of 2019.

For further information please visit the NSW Education Standards Authority website under the heading “HSC Minimum Standard” or contact the school.

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