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STAGE 5 - YEAR 10

ASSESSMENT HANDBOOK 2018

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF STAGE 5 STUDENTS

In receiving this Stage 5 (Year 10) Assessment Handbook you have taken on the responsibility to follow the procedures outlined.

As a student of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College

- I understand that I am to complete and submit all assessment tasks to the best of my ability by the due date; and to be present for those assessment tasks held at the College.
- If I am absent on the day of an assessment task I should contact the College and explain my absence.
- I realise that if I fail to hand in an assessment task by the due date I will be penalised accordingly unless I follow the correct process.
- If I miss any assessment task I must report to the subject teacher immediately on my return to school.
- If I am unable to complete an assessment task for reasons of injury or ill-health, I must complete the **Variation of Assessment Application Form** and submit a letter from a parent/carer as well as a valid medical certificate.
- If I fail to submit an assessment task, it will be recorded in my student diary. A parent signature is required to acknowledge this.
- If I know in advance I am going to miss any task, I need to apply in writing to the Leader of Teaching and Learning using the Variation of Assessment Form before the task occurs.
- I understand that any assessment task which is missed, and for which an acceptable reason is not given, will result in the non-attainment of outcomes for that task and a zero mark recorded.
- I understand that I am to complete each assessment task to the best of my ability so that I demonstrate my maximum level of achievement.
- I need to organise my time so that I can have a balance of family, study, social, and other activities in my life.
- I will ensure that any questions I have about the marks/grades/comments awarded for an individual piece of work are resolved at the time the work is returned.
- I will show that through my effort and achievement I have met all the requirements of the course.
- I agree that it is my responsibility to consult with my relevant subject teacher or Key Learning Area Coordinator if I experience problems in interpreting the College Assessment Handbook, or in fulfilling the course requirements.

ASSESSMENT POLICY

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Rationale

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College, Burraneer regards assessment as an important and integral aspect of the teaching and learning process. Authentic Learning enables students to apply their knowledge and skills creatively in a range of situations, engage in work that is rigorous and challenging, believe that they are capable learners and have high expectations of themselves and engage critically with the material being learned both as individuals and in collaboration. (Statement on Authentic Learning In Sydney Archdiocesan Schools, SCS July 2015) Effective assessment processes assist students to develop awareness of their own knowledge and skills. Appropriate assessment practices and procedures are essential to ensure justice and equity in the assessment process. The purpose of assessment is to establish and understand where learners are in their learning at a point in time. This informs ongoing learning opportunities and teaching decisions which ensures learning growth for students. (Authentic Assessment in Sydney Catholic Schools, May 2016).

Definition

Assessment is the process of identifying, gathering, evaluating and interpreting information about student learning. The purpose of assessment is to improve the teaching and learning process, allow students to understand and recognise their own strengths and areas for improvement, as well as to measure student progress and achievement. There are a variety of types of assessment, each having its own nature and purpose:

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 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 unit of work or at the end of a unit, term or semester, and may be used to rank or grade students.

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.

Assessment for learning

Assessment for learning involves teachers using evidence about students' knowledge, understanding and Stage 5 Assessment Handbook Year 10, 2018 6

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 achieve 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.

Principles

The following Principles of Assessment are evidence-based and support the direction of <u>Authentic Learning in Sydney Catholic Schools</u>. These principles provide a basis on which decisions about quality assessment practices are built. At Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College, Burraneer we believe that assessment should:

- focus on knowing the learner;
- empower the learner;
- be integral to the teaching and learning cycle;
- be relevant, purposeful and engaging;
- be an ongoing and continuous process that is fair, just and equitable;
- be designed to take account of the age and maturity of students and to ensure that students have opportunities to experience success;
- be consistent with the outcomes-based standards reference framework;
- be consistent with the requirements of NESA and SCS;
- follow well documented, whole school practices and procedures;
- employ a range of different types and styles of varied, interesting and valid and reliable processes;
- is flexible, fair and accessible, enabling all students opportunity to demonstrate their learning and appropriately adjusted to meet the requirements of students with diverse educational needs;
- provide students who have a disability or learning difficulty with disability provisions. This may
 include separate supervision, extra time and/or a reader and writer. Other students may apply for
 disability provisions should they become necessary through illness and misadventure;
- incorporate timely, effective and appropriate feedback;
- be regularly evaluated and improved to ensure optimum effectiveness.

Guidelines

- Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College, Burraneer will establish clearly defined practices and procedures to guide the assessment process for each stage and course. These practices and procedures will be published and distributed for the benefit of teachers, students and parents/carers.
- The Leader of Teaching and Learning is responsible for liaising with the KLA Coordinators in determining the practices and procedures to be used in all College assessment.
- Assessment is guided by an outcomes based standards reference approach and thus is explicitly linked to the course outcomes and marking criteria. Guidelines are developed for all tasks to indicate to students where they are at in terms of what they know and can do.
- Each KLA will have documentation regarding the assessment schedule for each year group and course offered. All assessment processes, practices and procedures used by each KLA are expected to comply with the requirements of the NSW Education Standards Authority, Sydney Catholic Schools and the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College, Burraneer.
- The variety of tasks set will assess a wide range of syllabus objectives and outcomes. Assessment
 tasks will be varied and take various forms including tests, exams, assignments, research tasks,
 oral presentation and work portfolios.
- The use of a student portfolio in some subjects will enable students to utilise teacher feedback on class work, track their own progress and set new learning goals for the next stage of the learning cycle.
- Details regarding the nature of each assessment task will be given to students via assessment handbooks. Formal, written notification will be provided to students at least two weeks prior to the task being due. Information to the students will include the number of formal tasks per year, the nature of each task, outcomes/content being assessed, due dates and weightings.
- In Stage 5 a formal assessment task as well as class based tasks may contribute to the assessment information gathered for each semester.
- Preparing students for all aspects of an assessment task is the responsibility of the teacher and part of the learning process.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

The following guidelines apply to Years 7-10 as specified and are based upon the *College Assessment and Reporting Policy*. All KLAs aim to make explicit the College's expectations regarding assessment.

- 1. Students are expected to follow the expectations set out by each faculty.
- 2. Students will be expected to complete each assessment task as set by each specific *Assessment Notification* and year group's *Assessment Handbook*.
- 3. Assessment tasks are to be submitted at the start of the subject on the day they are due. If the student does not have that subject on the due date, then it must be submitted as per the instructions on the *Assessment Notification*.
- 4. Students are encouraged to ensure either they or the subject teacher have signed to formally acknowledge that the assessment task has been submitted on the due date.
- 5. Students are encouraged to use the Year 7-10 Assessment Task Submission Register in the College Diary
- 6. Any student who is taking leave that may affect the submission or completion of an assessment task needs to apply in writing to the Leader of Teaching and Learning. If the leave is approved, the student will be expected to complete a *Variation of Assessment Application Form* and follow the instructions from their class teachers and the KLA Coordinators on how to catch up missed work and complete assessment tasks. This form can be found in Student Services, the College website, or on the Parent Portal. This form is to be signed by both the student and a parent/carer and submitted to the Leader of Teaching and Learning **prior** to taking leave. It is the responsibility of the student to complete all assigned work otherwise the assessment penalties will apply as stated in the *College Assessment Policy*.
- 7. Malpractice is any behaviour where a student seeks to gain an unfair advantage over their peers. This will result in the student being penalised. Plagiarism can include:
 - a. Copying directly from a text or any other source or sharing work when not permitted
 - b. Not acknowledging other people's work, ideas, images, music etc.
 - c. Colluding with others to submit or present work that is not your own
 - d. Being in possession of unauthorised notes or resources during an examination or in-class task
- 8. Further requirements apply to Stage 5 (Years 9-10) students for the successful completion of the *Record of School Achievement (RoSA)*. These are noted in the relevant section of the *Assessment Handbook*.
- 9. Students in Year 9-10 who do not follow these guidelines will place their RoSA in jeopardy.
- 10. Electronic equipment failure is not an acceptable excuse given the easy access of all students to devices, the internet and printers at school. Students are expected to regularly backup all of their work onto an external hard drive and/or Google Drive to keep electronic copies of their drafts as evidence of their ongoing work.

11. The following table should be used as a guide if there are reasons why an assessment task is not submitted or completed by the due date:

YEAR GOUP	SITUATION AND PENALTY	DOCUMENTATION TO AVOID PENALTY
7-9	Late completion of a task/exam One day late (-10%) Two days late (-20%) (of awarded marks) Non-completion of a task/exam More than two days past due date OR Academic Malpractice = ZERO MARK	Parental note of explanation upon day of return
10	Late OR non-completion of a task/exam = ZERO MARK	Variation of Assessment Application Form And Medical Certification upon day of return
	Misadventure (eg accident)	Variation of Assessment Application Form
7.40	Illness	Variation of Assessment Application Form
7-10	College representation or school-based activity	Variation of Assessment Application Form
	Leave	Variation of Assessment Application Form

PROCEDURES FOR USING THE VARIATION OF ASSESSMENT APPLICATION FORM

Students must be aware that if they are absent on the due date of an assessment task, they are still responsible for:

- notifying the school of your absence by contacting the school; and
- submitting the task on time by arranging for its delivery; or
- submitting the task on your return with evidence to support why it was not handed in on time.

The Variation of Assessment Form has been developed to assist students in applying for consideration in the event that they are unable to submit a formal assessment task on the due date because they have been:

- prevented from attending a formal assessment task (written, oral or practical) on the due date because of illness, misadventure, approved leave or school representation; or
- prevented from submitting a formal assessment task on time because of illness, misadventure, approved leave or school representation; or
- affected by illness, misadventure, approved leave or school representation immediately before or during an assessment task.

An application will not be considered on the basis of:

- difficulties in preparation or loss of preparation time without sufficient evidence; or
- alleged deficiencies in tuition; or
- misreading an assessment task's instructions; or
- technological or printer difficulties.

NOTES:

A medical certificate may not be accepted as an excuse for late submission of an assessment task where the task was issued well in advance of the illness or misadventure and the medical certificate shows that the student was not incapacitated until 24 hours before the due date.

Applications must be submitted to the Leader of Teaching and Learning using the form upon their return to school. Hard copies are available from Student Services, College website and Parent Portal.

Sample Variation of Assessment Application Form:

VARIATION OF ASSESSMENT APPLICATION FORM

Illness, Misadventure, Leave and Representation

Student section: (Complete in full and submit to Students	ent Services)		
Student name:	Year: _	Class teacher: _	
Subject:			
Task/s:			
Reason/s for application: (Tick the appropriate box			
② Illness ② Misadventure ② Le	•		
Description:			
Supporting documentation: (Attach supporting docu	ımentation to this application fo	rm)	
Medical certificate	Parent/carer letter	② Counsellor's s	tatement
Other documentation:			
Task has been submitted/completed:	Yes ② No	Date of submiss	on/completion:
I hereby request for consideration of a variation of a I declare that all information and documentation sup		essment task/s stated above by the	Academic Review Committee.
STUDENT SIGNATURE	PARENT/CARER SIGNATU	RE DATE (DF SUBMISSION
Class teacher section:			
Documentation sighted:	Yes 2 No	Date:	
Assessment task submitted/complete:	Yes 2 No	Date:	
Alternative date to complete/submit:	Yes ? No	Date:	
Class teacher's signature:		Date:	
KLA Coordinator section:			
New task Complete original task	② Estimate ② No pena	ılty 🛽 Zero for non-complia	nce
Comment/action:			
KLA Coordinator signature:		Date:	
Leader of Teaching and Learning section:			
Application decision: Approved Decli	ned		
Leader of Teaching and Learning signature:		Date:	
Student advised via email:	Date:		

HOMEWORK POLICY

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Rationale

The purpose of homework, like schooling, is learning. When conscientiously undertaken, homework is a valuable aspect of the learning process.

Principles

At Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College Burraneer we believe that homework:

- is important for students of all ages as it helps them build on what they have already learnt at school;
- is valuable for teachers, as it helps them assess the progress of the students;
- provides the opportunity for students to acquire sound study habits and constructive time-management skills in order to work independently and develop self-discipline
- encourages students to make consistent, personal effort without direct adult supervision, take initiative and responsibility for completing a task;
- helps bridge the gap between home and school, providing a partnership between home and school;
- allows parents to have an active role in their child's education and helps them to evaluate their child's progress;
- relate what is learned in school to students' lives outside of school and helps to connect school learning to the real world.

Guidelines

• Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College Burraneer recommends the following for home study (as stated in the College Diary):

•	Year 7	1 hour per night
•	Year 8	11/2 hours per night
•	Year 9	2 hours per night
•	Year 10	2 hours per night

- Homework activities may vary according to the needs of the various subject areas being studied.
- Regular review of the day's lessons should be the first homework done each evening. Time should also be spent revising previous work or making use of textbooks and other resources to create study notes in preparation for coming examinations, tests or other assessment.
- Homework may include the completion of written work from class, projects, research activities, assignments and reading tasks. Normally, written work may take between a half and two thirds of homework time. The remaining time should be given to study and revision.
- Homework is based on work recently covered in class or work shortly to be covered.

- Homework is to be entered into a student's diary.
- Homework is set for all subjects on the evening of the day that the subject has been studied.
- Homework will be excused only with a note from a parent/carer.
- In providing the link between home and school parents are asked to be involved in their child's education by:
 - Supporting students in completing their homework.
 - Providing, if possible, a dedicated place and desk for homework and study.
 - Assisting teachers to monitor homework by signing the diary each week.
 - Communicating with teachers about any concerns with homework or their child's approach to homework.

NSW RECORD OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT (RoSA)

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Why a School Assessment Policy?

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic College Assessment Policy, which is contained in this Handbook, has been designed so that no student can be advantaged or disadvantaged by the College's system of assessment for the Record of School Achievement (RoSA). Assessment at OLMC encourages progressive development of skills and knowledge while ensuring:

- Consistency across subjects and courses;
- Fairness in marking and reporting;

The College Assessment Policy reflects the concern of this community with justice and the dignity of each person.

RoSA Eligibility

Record of School Achievement Stage 5 Course completion, is awarded by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) to eligible students at the end of Year 10.

To achieve satisfactory completion, students are required to study courses:

- In each year in Years 7-10 in English, Mathematics, Science, Human Society and its Environment, and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.
- In Years 7 and 8 in Creative Arts, Technology and Applied Studies and Languages Other Than English.

RoSA Grading

Students also are awarded a grade for each of the courses they have studied in Years 9 and 10. The grades are based on a set of Course Performance Descriptors developed by NESA. They indicate a student's full range of achievements in each course, providing a detailed report of the student's overall performance. The Assessment Resource Centre (ARC) website describes this aspect of the RoSA in more detail.

Reporting of the School RoSA Credential

The NSW Record of School Achievement credential will be available to students who decide to leave the education system prior to 17 years of age.

The RoSA, which shows all Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) courses completed includes, where appropriate:

- The Stage 5 courses that a student has completed and the grade (A-E) awarded by the student's school for each course. The Course Performance Descriptors describe typical performance by students in each grade at the end of Stage 5
- The mandatory requirements in Languages, Design & Technology, Music, Visual Arts, and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. Mandatory requirements are reported as 'Completed', or, where they have not been met, as 'Not Completed'
- A statement as to whether the student is eligible for the RoSA.

Grades allocated by schools for the subjects presented by their students will be submitted to NESA in late November.

Students who decide to leave the education system prior to 17 years of age must apply to the College Principal, with proof of full time work or a TAFE placement. These students are eligible for the NSW Stage 5 Assessment Handbook Year 10, 2018

Record of School Achievement Credential.

How are RoSA Grades Determined?

The NESA grading system is concerned with describing the student's achievement at the end of each course in Stage 5.

Grades from A – E (N for unsatisfactory or non-completion) will be awarded for all subjects except Mathematics. In Mathematics, grades have been further differentiated to nine levels as follows: A10, A9, B8, B7, C6, C5, D4, D3, E2. These grades will be awarded on the basis of the Course Performance Descriptors issued by the NSW Education Standards Authority for each course. The Course Performance Descriptors describe the main features of a typical student's performance at each grade measured against the syllabus objectives and outcomes for the course. They are used to indicate the student's level of achievement relative to the knowledge objectives and skill objectives of the course studied. The Course Performance Descriptors for each of the courses studied can be accessed at the and the NSW Education Standards Authority website: https://arc.bostes.nsw.edu.au/qo/sc/sc-grading/cpds/

Achievement in this course will be measured by assessment strategies throughout the course. Where tasks are scheduled throughout a course, greater weight would generally be given to those tasks held towards the end of the course. Students' grades are based on the school's assessment of a student's performance against the Course Performance Descriptors in particular courses. The assessment tasks set by the school are used to provide data to assist teachers to determine which description best reflects the level of achievement in the course obtained by each student at the end of the course for that student.

The grades awarded should reflect the relative emphasis placed on the assessable objectives of school programs and the syllabus. For example, where a school has placed considerable emphasis on the development of research skills, that emphasis should be reflected in the assessment program. Objectives from the affective domain (ie values and attitudes) should not be used in determining a student's grade. Each student's achievement is compared with the descriptors and not with the rest of the group studying the course.

There is no fixed proportion of students who will receive any particular grade. The final decisions are made in relation to the Standard reached by the individual student, not in relation to performance relative to other students. It is important to note that the results of (Stage 5 Courses) Year 10 will accumulate on the new credential.

THE COMMON GRADE SCALE

NESA devised the grade scale shown below so that it can be used to report student achievement in both the primary and junior secondary years in all NSW schools. The Common Grade Scale describes performance at each of five grade levels.

Grade	Common Grade Scale
A	The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.
В	The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
С	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
D	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills
E	The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

NESA requires schools to submit grades for each student at the end of Year 10 for the Stage 5 Course Completion or RoSA. Subject-specific Course Performance Descriptors have been developed for teachers to use in assigning grades. It is not intended that any other subject-specific course performance descriptors be developed.

Non-Award of Record of School Achievement (RoSA)

In the following cases the NSW Education Standards Authority will not award the RoSA. Depending on the circumstances of the case, NESA may also not award the Record of Achievement if the student:

- a. Did not meet all mandatory curriculum requirements;
- b. Left school before the final date for Year 10 without being granted an exemption;
- c. Did not comply with other requirements.

Assessment Programs

Assessing student achievement is an integral part of teaching any course. For the purposes of NESA assessment tasks should be matched to the knowledge objectives and the skill objectives of each syllabus.

While the determination of students' final RoSA grades will be based primarily on a program designed to Stage 5 Assessment Handbook Year 10, 2018

provide a total achievement (or summative) assessment of each level of achievement, progress in individual smaller units of work also have an essential role in the teaching/learning program for any course of study.

NESA allows the use of other class work to supplement formal assessment as outlined in this booklet. Thus, both formal assessment tasks and informal assessment opportunities have a place in terms of determining final grades.

For NSW Education Standards Authority assessment, there is no specific allocation of marks to various objectives, unlike the HSC Assessment System. Teachers determine the grades their students will receive by selecting the best overall description of each student's achievement.

Assessment, Course Performance Descriptors & Final Grades

Applying the Course Performance Descriptors will involve teachers in:

- Using assessment tasks which relate to the knowledge objectives and skill objectives of that course of study.
- Making assessment observations and recording their judgements.
- Making a 'summative' assessment judgement for each student, that is, what is the extent of a student's achievement at the end of the course.
- Applying the Course Performance Descriptors to determine the most appropriate overall description of each student's achievement at the completion of the course.
- Relating the level of achievement to the General Performance Descriptors to determine a grade.

Teachers will make the final judgement of the grade deserved on the basis of available information and with reference to the Course Performance Descriptors. The choice of a particular grade should be made because it relates to the best overall description of the student's achievement in that course of study.

Students should be aware of the importance of making a serious attempt at all assessment activities in Year 9 and 10. Each student should refer to the specific pages in their Assessment Handbook to become acquainted with the details of the tasks in each course of study that will be used to determine their final grades.

SAMPLE WARNING LETTER

OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE BURRANEER

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Dea	r
	WARNING LETTER
Sta	ge 5 - Non-Completion of Course
I ar	m writing to advise that your daughter is in danger of not
mee	eting the
Cou	rse Completion Criteria for the Stage 5 in
The	NSW Education Standards Authority requires schools to issue students with official warnings
in o	order to give them the opportunity to correct the problem. Please regard this letter as the
	(eg 1 st , 2 nd) official warning we have issued concerning
	inimum of two course-specific warnings must be issued prior to a final 'N' determination
bein	ng made for a course.
Cou	rse Completion Criteria
Whe	ere it is determined that a student has not met the Course Completion Criteria they place
ther	nselves at risk of receiving an 'N' (non-completion of course) determination. Students who
rece	eive an 'N' determination in a mandatory course are not eligible for Stage 5 Course
Con	npletion.
	□ is a mandatory course □ is not a mandatory course
	date, has not satisfactorily met the Stage 5 Course apletion Criteria because:
	She has not followed the course developed or endorsed by the Board of Studies
	She has not applied herself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and
	experiences provided in the course by the school.

She has not achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

	a genuine attemp	t has not been	yet completed or achieved, made. In order for Criteria, the following tasks,
requirements or outcor	mes need to be satisfact		
Task name. Course requirement or course outcome	Date task initially due (if applicable)	Action required by student	Date to be completed by (if applicable)
	ve indicated that she		the marks allocated to this leted the requirements or
Please discuss this maclarification is needed.	atter with your daughte	r and contact the scho	ol if further information or
Yours sincerely,			
KLA Coordinator		Principal Principal	
% <		%	
PLEASE DETACH THIS	SECTION AND RETURN	IT TO THE SCHOOL.	
Requirements for the S	atisfactory Completion o	of a Stage 5 Course	
- I have receiv	ed the letter dated	indicating that	
	is in (danger of not having sa	tisfactorily completed
	that this course may ap	-· pear on her Record of <i>I</i>	Achievement Part A with 'N'
(non-comple	tion of course) indicated	l .	
		-	ineligible for the award of
the NSW Rec	cord of School Achievem	ent (RoSA).	
Parent/Guardian's signa	ature:	Da	ite:
Student's signature:		Da	ite:

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES

Year 10 Commerce Assessment Schedule 2018

TAS K	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Law & Society Literacy Task (IC)	5.1, 5.2, 5.3	1	11	9/4	20%
2	Examination Employment Issues (IC)	5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.8	2	30/5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	20%
3	Running a Business (HI & Prac)	5.1, 5.4, 5.5, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9	3	10	26/9	35%
4	Running a Business Presentations (P & HI)	5.1, 5.4, 5.5, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9	4	3	29/10	25%
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Year 10 Drama Assessment Schedule 2018

TAS K	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Unit: Shakespeare -Group Adaptation & Performance -Logbook (P)	5.1.1, 5.1.3, 5.1.4, 5.2.1, 5.2.3, 5.3.1, 5.3.3	1	10	4/4	20%
2	Written Exam	5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3	2	4 - 5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	15%
3	Unit: Commedia dell'arte -Group Playbuilding & Performance -Logbook (P)	5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.1.4, 5.2.1, 5.2.3, 5.3.1, 5.3.3	3	2	30/7 & 1/8	20%
4	Written Task	5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.3.3	3	6	27/8 & 29/8	20%
5	Unit: Monologue -Scriptwriting -Individual Performance -Process document (P + HI)	5.1.1, 5.1.3, 5.1.4, 5.2.1, 5.2.2, 5.2.3	4	4 - 5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	25%
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Year 10 English Assessment Schedule 2018

TASK	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Novel Essay (IC)	EN5-1A, EN5-3B, EN5-6C, EN5-7D, EN5-8D	1	9	26/3	25%
2	Creative Writing (HI)	EN5-1A, EN5-3B, EN5-5C, EN5-7D, EN5-9E	2	5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	25%
3	Shakespeare Essay (IC)	EN5-1A, EN5-4B, EN5-6C, EN5-7D, EN5-9E	3	10	24/9	30%
4	Speech (P) Transcript (HI)	EN5-1A, EN5-4B, EN5-6C, EN5-7D, EN5-9E	4	4 - 5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	20%
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Year 10 Food Technology Assessment Schedule 2018

TAS K	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Food Design Task (HI)	5.2.2, 5.2.3, 5.5.1, 5.5.2	1	11	11/4	25%
2	Food and special nutrition needs Part A (P)	5.2.2 5.3.2, 5.6.1 5.1.1, 5.3.1, 5.3.2, 5.4.1	2	4 - 5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	20%
	Food for special nutrition needs Part B (PRAC)	0.0.2, 02	3	2	30/7 - 3/8	10%
3	Food Trends design and presentation (IC PRAC and P)	5.2.3, 5.4.2, 5.5.1, 5.5.2	4	2	22/10 - 26/10	20%
4	Semester 2 Examination	5.2.1, 5.3.1,5.6.2 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.3.2	4	4 - 5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	25%
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Year 10 French Assessment Schedule 2018

TAS K	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOME S	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Reading Comprehension Culture (IC)	5.UL.2 5.MBC.1 5.MBC.2	1	8	19/3	20%
2	Listening Comprehension Writing (IC) Speaking (HI)	5.UL.1 5.UL.3 5.UL.4	2	5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	30%
3	Reading Comprehension Culture (IC)	5.UL.2 5.MLC.1 5.MLC.2	3	6	27/8	20%
4	Listening Comprehension Writing (IC) Speaking (PRAC)	5.UL.1 5.UL.3 5.UL.4	4	4 - 5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	30%
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Year 10 Geography Assessment Schedule 2018

Semester 1

TASK	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Extended Response/ Literacy task) (IC)	GE5-2, GE5-3 & GE5-8	1	9	27/3	25%
2	Skills & Knowledge EXAM (IC)	GE5-2, GE5-7 GE5-8	2	3	18/5	30%
3	Geography Inquiry Project (HI)	GE5-7 & GE5-8	2	4 - 5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	45%
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Year 10 History Assessment Schedule 2018

Semester 2

TASK	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	SOURCE ANALYSIS (IC)	HT5-2, HT5-5, HT5-7, HT5-9	3	7	7/9	30%
2	EXAMINATION (Extended Response/ Literacy task) (IC)	HT5-1, HT5-2, HT5-4, HT5.7, HT5-9, HT5-10	3	9	21/9	30%
3	POPULAR CULTURE (Research/ICT/Liter acy task) (HI & P)	HT5-1, HT5-4, HT5-5, HT5-9, HT5-10	4	4 - 5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	40%
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Year 10 Industrial Technology (Multimedia and Photography) Assessment Schedule 2018

TAS K	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY (Photographs, Magazine Cover and Fashion Spread) (HI)	5.1.2 5.2.1 5.2.2 5.3.2 5.4.1	1	10	2/4 - 6/4	20%
2	Short Film Film Portfolio (HI)	5.2.1 5.2.2 5.4.1 5.5.1	2	6	4/6 - 8/6	20%
3	PORTRAITURE (Photography Series) (HI)	5.3.2 5.4.2 5.5.1 5.6.1	3	5	20/8 - 24/8	20%
4	Music Video and documentation (HI)	5.2.2 5.3.2 5.4.1 5.4.2	4	2	22/10 - 26/10	20%
5	KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS EXAMINATION	5.1.1 5.3.1 5.5.1 5.7.1 5.7.2	4	4 - 5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	20%
Total						100%

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http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/years/stage-5

Year 10 Mathematics Assessment Schedule 2018

5.1, 5.2, 5.3 Pathway

TAS K	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Exam (IC)	MA5.1-4NA MA5.2-4NA MA5.1-10MG MA5.2-13MG MA5.3-15MG	1	7	13/3	20%
2	Exam	MA5.1-4NA MA5.2-4NA MA5.1-8MG MA5.2-11MG MA5.3-13MG MA5.2-12MG MA5.3-14MG MA5.1-10MG MA5.2-13MG MA5.3-15MG MA5.2-6NA MA5.3-5NA MA5.2-8NAMA5.3-7NA	2	4 - 5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	30%
3	Exam (IC)	MA5.2-8NA MA5.3-7NA MA5.3-6NA MA5.1-5NA MA5.1-9MG MA5.1-6NA MA5.2-9NA MA5.3-8NA MA5.1-7NA MA5.2-10NA MA5.3-9NA	3	5	21/8	20%
4	Exam	MA5.1-6NA MA5.2-9NA MA5.3-8NA MA5.1-7NA MA5.2-10NA MA5.3-9NA MA5.3-12NA MA5.1-12SP MA5.2-15SP MA5.3-15SP MA5.2-17SP MA5.1-11MG MA5.2-14MG	4	4 - 5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	30%
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Year 10 Music Assessment Schedule 2018

TASK	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Performance (P)	5.1 5.2 5.3 5.9	1	9	27/3 & 28/3	20%
2	Written test (IC) Listening/ Aural/ Composition	5.4 5.5 5.7 5.8 5.9 5.10	2	4 - 5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	30%
3	Listening & Composition (P)	5.4 5.5 5.6 5.7 5.8	3	8	12/9	30%
4	Performance (P)	5.1 5.2 5.3 5.9	4	4 - 5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	20%
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Year 10 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Assessment Schedule 2018

TASK	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Bronze Medallion (Practical)	5.4 5.14	1	8	21/3	25%
2	Challenge, Safety & Risk (HI research task)	5.6 5.7	2	2	10/5	25%
3	Dance (Practical)	5.4 5.5 5.13	3	7	3/9 - 7/9	25%
4	Healthy Mind, Healthy Body (HI -Research task)	5.1 5.6	3	10	24/9	25%
Total						100%

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Year 10 Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS) Assessment Schedule 2018

TAS K	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOME S	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Synchronised Swimming (PRAC)	4.1 4.2 4.3	1	8	PASS 1 - 19/3 PASS 2 - 20/3	25%
2	Enhancing Performance (Examination)	3.1 3.2	2	4 - 5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	25%
3	Coaching (PRAC + HI Report)	3.1 3.2 4.2	3	4 - 6	13/8- Practical 29/8- Report	20%
4	Managing Injuries Nutrition & Physical Activity (Examination)	1.1 3.1 3.2	4	4 - 5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	30%
Total						100%

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Year 10 Philosophy By The Bay Assessment Schedule 2018

TASK	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Task 1: Brain science, philosophy and the mind. (HI) Philosophical thesis	KS 1.2; KS 1.3; KS 2.1; KS 2.2; KS 3.1; KS 3.3; KS 4.2 Additional KS 2.3; KS 4.1 KS 4.3; VA1; VA2; VA3	1	10	4/4	25%
2	Task 2: Self. (HI) Created representation	KS 1.4; KS 2.2; KS 3.3 Additional OUTCOMES KS 4.1; KS 4.3 VA 1	2	4	23/5	15%
	Sem 1 Classroom philosophical communication - asking questions, listening, and building upon the ideas of others; authentic applications of philosophical thinking	KS 2.1 KS 2.2 KS 4.2 KS 4.3; KS 1.1, KS 3.3, VA 1	2	10	Ongoing observation completed end Sem 1	5%
3	Ethics in the modern world 1) Group role play of scenario (IC) 2)Journal reflections (HI)	KS 1.1; KS 1.3 KS 3.1; KS 3.2 KS 4.1 Additional KS 2.1; KS 4.2 VA 3	3	2 - 3	Journal to be submitted Wed 1/8/18; Role Plays 1/8/+ 7/8/18	20%
4	Personal application of course learnings to a self-chosen text. Student Presentations (IC) and supporting analysis (HI) of philosophical principles and concepts they see in their chosen text.	KS 1.3; KS 1.4; KS 2.1; KS 2.2; KS 3.3 Additional KS 4.3 VA 1; VA 2	4	1 - 3	Essay to be submitted + presentations in class (HI) Wed 17/10 wk 1, then presentations ongoing (IC).	30%
	Sem 2 Classroom philosophical communication - asking questions, listening, and building upon the ideas of others; authentic applications of philosophical thinking	KS 2.1 KS 2.2 KS 4.2 KS 4.3; KS 1.1, KS 3.3, VA 1	4		Ongoing observation completed end Sem 1	5%
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Year 10 Religion Assessment Schedule 2018

TAS K	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	INDIVIDUAL TASK (Exam) (IC)	C10.1, C10.2, C10.3	2	4 - 5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	35%
	Common task with DLS Caringbah					
2	RESEARCH TASK (HI)	A10.1, A10.2, A10.3	3	6	30/8	30%
3	Viva Voce Presentation (P)	B10.1, B10.2, B10.3	4	4 -5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	35%
Total						100%

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Information regarding the Religious Education syllabus may be accessed at the Sydney Catholic Schools website:

https://scsreonline.wordpress.com/

Year 10 Science Assessment Schedule 2018

TAS K	ASSESSMENT TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Formal Task 1 Student Research Project (HI)	SC5-1VA; SC5-2VA SC5-4WS; SC5-5WS SC5-6WS; SC5-7WS SC5-8WS; SC5-9WS SC5-10PW SC5-11PW SC5-12ES SC5-13ES SC5-14LW SC5-15LW SC5-16CW SC5-17CW	1	9	26/3	25%
2	Formal Task 2 Semester 1 Examination (Prac and Theory Exam) Common task with DLS Caringbah	SC5-1VA; SC5-3VA SC5-4WS; SC5-5WS SC5-6WS; SC5-7WS SC5-8WS; SC5-9WS SC5-10PW SC5-11PW SC5-16CW SC5-17CW	2	4 - 5	Assessment Block (24/5 - 30/5)	25%
3	Formal Task 3 Prepared Response (IC)	SC5-2VA; SC5-3VA SC5-4WS; SC5-5WS SC5-6WS; SC5-7WS SC5-8WS; SC5-9WS SC5-14LW SC5-15LW	3	8	10/9	25%
4	Formal Task 4 Semester 2 Examination	SC5-2VA; SC5-3VA SC5-4WS; SC5-5WS SC5-6WS; SC5-7WS SC5-8WS; SC5-9WS SC5-12ES SC5-13ES SC5-14LW SC5-15LW	4	4 - 5	Assessment block (6/11 - 12/11)	25%
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Year 10 Textiles Technology Assessment Schedule 2018

TAS K	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	DESIGN PROJECT 1 APPAREL Folio & Garment (HI)	5.5.2 5.5.3 5.6.1	1	11	9/4 - 13/4	25%
2	DESIGN PROJECT 2 Fashion Illustration (HI)	5.2.2 5.4.1 5.5.1	2	6	4/6 - 8/6	25%
3	Examination Knowledge and Skills Test (HI)	5.1.1 5.1.2 5.3.1	3	3	6/8 - 8/8	25%
4	DESIGN PROJECT 3 FURNISHING ITEM Folio, Moodboard & Furnishing Item (HI)	5.4.1 5.6.1 5.5.2 5.5.3	4	4 - 5	Assessment Block (6/11 - 12/11)	25%
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Year 10 Visual Arts Assessment Schedule 2018

TASK	TASK DETAILS	OUTCOMES	TERM	WEEK	DATE	WEIGHTING
1	Critical/ Historical exam (IC)	5.7 5.8 5.9 5.10	1	7	13/3	20%
2	Artmaking: (Sculpture) Body of Work and VAPD	5.1 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.5 5.6	2	4 - 5	Assessment block (24/5 - 30/5)	30%
3	Critical/ Historical exam (IC)	5.7 5.8 5.9 5.10	3	6	29/8	20%
4	Art making: Body of Work and VAPD (HI)	5.1 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.5 5.6	4	4-5	Assessment block (6/11 - 12/11)	30%
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