

HSC minimum standard

Information for parents and carers for the 2021 HSC and beyond

Dear parents and carers,

The recent introduction of the HSC minimum standard policy by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) means that students in NSW need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive their HSC.

Students will demonstrate they have achieved the minimum standard by completing 3 online tests. These minimum standard online tests are each 45 minutes long, and include:

- a multiple choice test for reading;
- a multiple choice test for numeracy; and
- a test for writing (around 500 words) based on a written or visual prompt.

These tests are based around the Australian Core Skills Framework and the minimum standard is set at level 3. This means that students who demonstrate the standard have the basic functional skills used in everyday life, for work and further study.

Students have two opportunities each year to sit these online tests, from Year 10 until Year 12. Students will also be able to complete the tests for up to five years after starting the HSC.

There are practice tests available at school and demonstration questions online on the NESA website: <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard>

Students will be supported by the school to meet the minimum standard. Please contact the school if you would like more information.

If you believe your child has additional needs and will be eligible for extra provisions for the minimum standard tests, please contact Mrs Kim Biddle the Learning and Support Teacher at the school on 67321322.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need an interpreter to assist you to contact the school, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 13 14 50 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will call the school and will stay on the line to assist with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Yours sincerely,



Principal

Glen Innes High School