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Dear Parent / Caregiver

RE: HSC MINIMUM STANDARD UPDATE FOR YEAR 10 PARENTS

The NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA) introduced a number of NAPLAN and HSC reforms in 2017 where all students are required to reach a minimum literacy and numeracy standard before they are eligible for the award of the Higher School Certificate (HSC).

All Year 10 students will be given **two opportunities** this year to sit for and pass the NESA Online Literacy and Numeracy Tests in order to demonstrate that they have reached the minimum literacy and numeracy standard in order to be eligible for the award of the Higher School Certificate.

Minimum Standard Reading Test	45 multiple choice questions
Minimum Standard Numeracy Test	45 multiple choice questions
Minimum Standard Writing Test	One question based on a visual or text prompt with up to a 500 word-response

The NESA Online Tests for students will be conducted during Week 8 of Term 2. Support strategies have been implemented this year to assist students in improving their levels of Literacy and Numeracy and consequently better enable them to reach the minimum standard.

Furthermore, all Year 10 Students have been informed at the end of Term 1 details concerning these tests. The school will be providing students with the opportunity to conduct Practice Online Testing in Literacy and Numeracy to ensure they are familiar with the test specifications.

The NESA Online Testing dates for Year 10 students are shown below:

TEST		Reading	Writing	Numeracy
DATE	Term 2 Week 8	18th June	19th June	20th June
	Term 4 Week 7	26th November	27th November	28th November

Additional dates and school support will be provided in term 3 and 4 to enable students to attempt to meet minimum standards in numeracy, reading and writing.

To find more out about this process visit the NESA website by [clicking here](#) or contact Ms Deo (rita.deo@det.nsw.edu.au) via email if you require any further clarification concerning this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Principal