

February 2018 update

Dear Parent or Caregiver

**Re: HSC minimum standard update for Year 9 parents**

The NSW government is committed to requiring students to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC from 2020, because these skills are needed for success in life after school.

There will be multiple opportunities for your child to show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills. These tests can be taken when your child is ready in Years 10, 11 and 12 and after the HSC.

From this year, **Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be an early way for students to demonstrate the standard.**

This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its original diagnostic purpose and reduce unnecessary stress on young people.

For more information and flyers visit the NESA website:  
**[educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard](http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard)**

Yours sincerely

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