

What the changes to the HSC minimum standard mean for your child

If your child is in Year 9 or below this year

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Year 9 NAPLAN tests are no longer available as an early way to demonstrate the HSC minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.

This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on being a diagnostic test and to reduce unnecessary stress for your child.

The NSW Government still requires students to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC, as literacy and numeracy skills are important for success in everyday life after school.

Students will show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills. Students decide with their teachers when they are ready to sit each test, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

Parents of current Year 10 students – what you need to know

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If your child achieved a Band 8 or above in a 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy test they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that particular area and will not need to sit the corresponding online test. If they did not get Band 8s or above they will need to take the corresponding online tests.

These are available for students to sit when they feel ready either this year, in Year 11 or 12 or for a few years after they finish their HSC. Your child can take the tests up to twice a year, and once they pass each test, they don't have to sit it again.

Students can keep track of their test results and which tests they have passed via their Students Online account, once their teachers have viewed their results.

Want to know more?

Visit the [NESA website](#) for videos and resources that [explain the tests](#), and give an overview of the HSC minimum standard.