

## Changes to the HSC minimum standard

From this year, **Year 9 NAPLAN tests** will no longer be an early way for students to demonstrate the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy needed to receive the HSC from 2020.

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

The NSW government remains committed to requiring a minimum standard to receive the HSC due to the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for success in everyday life.

Students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills, which are available for them to sit when they are ready from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

### Year 10 students and NAPLAN 2017 test results

Please be assured that if you have a child in Year 10 this year, who achieved a Band 8 or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy tests, they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

### Minimum standard online test periods available for Year 10 students

- **Term 1:** 19 February to 23 March 2018
- **Term 2:** 21 May to 22 June 2018
- **Term 3:** 13 August to 14 September 2018
- **Term 4:** 5 November to 7 December 2018

\*Students will decide with their teacher when they are ready to attempt each test.

**For more information, including sample online test questions, visit**  
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