



HOMEBUSH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

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ASSESSMENT POLICY STAGE 5

Introduction

The purpose of this document is to outline the Assessment Policy of Homebush Boys High School for Years 9 and 10 - Stage 5. Please read this policy carefully and make sure you understand it.

What is Assessment?

Assessment is the process of identifying, gathering and interpreting information about student achievement. Assessment can be used for a number of key purposes, including to:

- assist in student learning;
- evaluate and improve teaching and learning programs;
- provide information on student learning and progress in a course in relation to the syllabus outcomes;
- provide evidence of satisfactory completion of a course, and
- report on the achievement by each student at the end of a course.

It is a requirement of the school assessment program that for each course the school must establish a program of assessment tasks. These tasks are conducted throughout the academic year and each has a weighting determined by the school within guidelines provided by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA). School-based assessment tasks are linked to standards because the tasks focus on outcomes which are valid instruments for what they are designed to assess, and the marking guidelines are related to the wording of the outcomes and the performance standards.

Each task enables teachers to collect information about students' achievement in relation to several outcomes, to award marks in accordance with marking guidelines, and to provide constructive feedback to students on their performance highlighting their strengths and indicating where they could make improvements.

Each student is awarded an assessment mark and that represents a measure of the student's achievement relative to other students. The assessment mark is derived from the results of a number of assessment tasks, as outlined in the schedules published in this booklet.

The purpose of assessment is to improve student learning. It gives the student the opportunity to demonstrate her learning in a range of contexts. It further provides the student with the chance to reflect on and review their progress and help set the direction for future learning.

The assessment program will contain both informal and formal assessment. Examples of these are:

Informal Assessment	Formal Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Class Projects, Class Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom activities <input type="checkbox"/> Homework assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Mini-tests, Quizzes <input type="checkbox"/> Group and pair work <input type="checkbox"/> Book mark	<input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Presentations <input type="checkbox"/> Research assignments <input type="checkbox"/> End of unit tests <input type="checkbox"/> Half Yearly and Yearly Examinations <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment tasks

NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Website

Syllabi for all courses may be accessed through the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website at <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au>



Requirements for the award of a NSW **RECORD of SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT credential.**

It is a requirement that Year 10 students attend school until the final day of Year 10 as determined by the school system, unless an exemption has been granted by the Principal.

Students are not permitted to leave before the last day of Year 10 without an exemption or approval. Unauthorised early departure from school in Year 10 may also jeopardise entry into Year 11.

Satisfactory course completion requirements

For the satisfactory completion of a course, it is the student's responsibility to:

- (a) follow the course developed or endorsed by NESA; and
- (b) apply yourself with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
- (c) achieve some or all of the course outcomes.

Satisfactory completion of courses is justified, among other things, by attendance, level of involvement in class, the assignments, homework, etc. completed, and the level of achievement. If the Principal determines that a student is in danger of not completing a course satisfactorily, she will be warned in writing in time for her to correct the problem and satisfactorily complete the course.

If deemed not to have completed a course, the student will receive an 'N' determination. The course will be listed as 'Not Completed'.

Students have the right to appeal against an 'N' determination. The appropriate form can be obtained from the Principal. Appeals against 'N' determinations should be lodged with the Principal, who will advise you of the date by which the appeal must be submitted. If a student is dissatisfied with the result of the school review of her appeal, she should advise the Principal that she wishes the appeal to be referred to the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

Indicators of possible failure for students to apply themselves and fulfil course requirements to the school's satisfaction include:

- an excessive number of absences or lateness to school;
- an excessive rate of absences or lateness in one course;
- failure to submit assessment tasks;
- poor achievement caused by lack of application;
- failure to complete class work and homework, and/or
- proven case of copying, plagiarism or cheating.

The satisfactory completion of courses also includes that the courses meet the pattern of study from Years 7-10 as required by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA).

In stage 5 this includes:

- Mandatory subjects English, Mathematics, Science, PD/H/PE, History, Geography and Civics
- At least 200 hrs of an elective subject

These courses will require the completion of the practical, oral or project works specific for them as well as the assessment requirements for each course.

NSW RECORD of SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT (RoSA) GRADING

The grading system describes the student's achievement at the end of each course in Stage 5. Teachers will make the final judgement of the grade awarded on the basis of available assessment information and with reference to the Course Performance Descriptors. These grades are:

- A** Excellent Achievement
- B** High Achievement
- C** Substantial Achievement
- D** Satisfactory Achievement
- E** Elementary Achievement

From the submitted grade the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) will produce the NSW record of School Achievement showing a Grade, from A to E, in each course studied.

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STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Expectations of students

1. Students must attend all classes to satisfactorily complete the Stage 5 courses. A minimum of 85% attendance is generally expected for students to achieve the outcomes of the course being studied.

Unexplained absences, lateness and class attendance patterns will be reviewed to ensure the students are meeting the course completion criteria.

Students whose attendance is called into question will be asked to prove to the Principal's satisfaction, following a review of their performance, that they are meeting the course completion criteria.

Any extensive period of unexplained absence may result in non-completion of course(s) and may impact on your eligibility for the award of the RoSA (Record of Student Achievement).

2. Students must complete the syllabus including participation in class practical work, homework, oral presentations, assignments and examinations.

3. NESA expects students **to attempt all assessment tasks.**

4. All work submitted must be the student's own work.

5. Students must submit work by the due date.

6. Students must be on time for school and must attend all classes on the day an assessment task is due or is on.

7. Students must prepare for examinations and make a serious attempt.

8. During any assessment task students must not:

- do anything that would disrupt the task or disturb another student;
- communicate with another student;
- look at another student's work;
- take into the room any books, notes, papers or equipment other than what is allowed by the supervising teacher;
- make a non-serious attempt.

Otherwise a **zero mark** will be awarded.

9. Students who are absent from school on any day are responsible for ascertaining if an assessment task has been set for any subject missed on that day.

10. Students who transfer into the school after the commencement of the Stage 5 course will be given substitute tasks wherever possible. In some cases estimates may be given. Where a student cannot meet a deadline or is absent for the submission or performance of a task the student must apply for special consideration.

11. If there is a valid reason, an "**Assessment Task Illness/ Misadventure Application**" form needs to be completed and the form and all supporting documentation submitted to the relevant Deputy Principal on the first day back after their absence otherwise a zero mark will be awarded.

Procedures for Students Absent from Tasks

When a student cannot meet a deadline or is absent for the submission or performance of a task the student must apply for special consideration. Any application of an extension of time is required before the due date.

If a student is absent on the day of the task:

- The student or his parent must telephone the school who will inform the Deputy Principal.
- A doctor's certificate is required if the absence is on medical grounds.
- Medical Certificates must:
 - include the day of the missed task;
 - show the length of time the student will be unfit for school;
 - be produced immediately on return to school.
- **A student may receive a zero mark for the assessed task if they do not complete an Illness/Misadventure Application Form with an attached medical certificate. The student must see the Deputy Principal concerned on their next school day of attendance.**
- A student who does not attend all lessons on the day of an assessment task will not have the assessment task mark counted unless there are extenuating circumstances. Technology malfunction will not be accepted as a reason for late submission of a task. Work will not be accepted as an email or on a USB drive unless specified by the teacher.

Assessment Task Illness/Misadventure Application

To appeal a zero mark or apply for an exemption, the student must fill out an Illness/Misadventure Application Form. They must see the Deputy Principal concerned on their next school day of attendance.

A. If the Assessment Task Illness/Misadventure Application is accepted, then the teacher of that course will:

- arrange for the student to attempt the task at a different time;
or
- arrange for the student to attempt an alternative task of a similar nature.

In exceptional circumstances the Head Teacher may authorise the use of an estimate based on appropriate evidence.

B. If the Assessment Task Illness/Misadventure Application is not accepted, the student will be awarded a zero mark and a letter will be sent home to inform parents.

Students may appeal against the Head Teacher's decision by lodging an appeal form with the Principal **within three (3) school days of initial determination.**

The Principal may:

- Reject the appeal and order the zero mark to stand
- Grant a limited extension
- Order that a substitute task be performed or
- Award an estimate.

Absence due to Foreseen Circumstances, School Business or Approved Leave

On some exceptional occasions, your inability to meet assessment dates can be foreseen prior to the deadline. Examples include emerging clashes with major sporting events, work placement, student leadership events or approved leave. If this occurs it is the student's responsibility to immediately contact the Head Teacher of the course concerned before the date of the task and/or as soon as possible. In doing so you are required to submit a School Business or Approved Leave Application requesting the opportunity to negotiate alternative arrangements to complete the task.

If an assessment task is not submitted or completed because of foreseen circumstances, and no attempt was made prior to the date of the task to negotiate alternative arrangements with the Head Teacher through the submission of an application, penalties will be applied.

The outcome of your School Business or Approved Leave Application will be decided by the Deputy Principal after considering the information provided.

The possible outcomes of your application include:

- Original task to be completed at or by a negotiated time.
- Alternative task to be completed at or by a negotiated time.

NOTE: Where the student submits the task or the application after the due date, refer to the Absence on the Day of an Assessment Task section above.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each course will have its own assessment schedule developed within the guidelines provided by NESA. NESA requires all students to follow an assessment program.

This means that teachers are required to:

- set tasks to measure student performance in each component of the course;
- specify the relative value of each of these tasks;
- provide information on what is to be assessed;
- provide information on how they will be assessed;
- keep records of each student's performance on each task;
- provide students with information on their progress.

The range of tasks used in the assessment will vary from course to course and may cover:

- tests which may take a written, practical, oral and aural form
- class and/or homework assignments, including essays and practical tasks
- projects of varying degrees of length and complexity
- oral presentations

Head Teachers are required to:

- ensure tasks meet NESA requirements for courses;
- record marks on a centralised faculty system before marks are returned;
- ensure NESA Warning Letters are issued when appropriate.

2. Notice of Tasks:

Students must be given at least two weeks' notice of the exact date and nature of the task.

3. Student Feedback

Students will be given feedback on their performance (e.g. mark, position) as soon as possible after the completion of the task.

4. The Award of 'Zero Marks'

A zero mark is noted as a non-attempt for a particular course and can be awarded in two instances:

- a) non-presentation of a task or non-attendance at a task without approved reason;
- b) an attempt to gain unfair advantage.

Students and parents will be advised in writing when zero marks are awarded.

5. Non Presentation / Non Attempt

If a task is not attempted/submitted by the due date and the student is not exempt, the student will be awarded a zero mark.

An Assessment Task Illness/Misadventure Application must be lodged and must be accepted.

Technology malfunction will not be accepted as a reason for late submission of a task. Work will not be accepted as an email or on a USB drive unless specified by the teacher.

6. Malpractice

It is expected that work submitted in fulfillment of assessment requirements shall be the student's own work. Examples of malpractice beyond this would include:

- plagiarism – excessive use of other sources, not acknowledged
- copying – using the work of another person and submitting it as your own
- not own work – having someone else complete the task
- falsifying receipt documents
- providing false documentation in support of an appeal
- cheating during a test or exam
- disrupting a test or examination

Where the teacher responsible for a task has reason to suspect malpractice, this will be brought to the attention of the Deputy Principal. If the Teacher and Deputy Principal are in agreement then the student shall be awarded a zero mark for the task and given a full explanation of the decision. The student may proceed through established appeal procedures.

7. Lateness

Students need to be on time for examinations and assessment tasks. If a student arrives late for an examination/assessment task without a valid reason he has to undertake the task in the remaining time.

If lateness is for a valid reason and supported by evidence, the student will be allowed the normal length of time. Students must attend school on time and must not truant any classes on the day an assessment task is scheduled or due. Truancy and lateness will be regarded as malpractice.

8. Extensions



Students who are unable to be present for an exam or out-of-class assessment task for valid reasons may apply to the teacher for an extension prior to the due date for submission of the task. Requests for extensions are to be made in writing. A negotiated extension could be expressed in terms of maximum marks, mark penalties and deadline times as determined by the teacher concerned.

9. NESAWarning Letters

NESA warning letters are issued to students who are not meeting course requirements. These letters are a warning to students that they are in danger of failing the course.

If a student is awarded a zero mark for a task or has not attempted the task and is thus at risk of not meeting the assessment requirements for a course, the Teacher or Head Teacher:

- will advise the student in writing with a NESA warning letter;
- will ensure NESA warning letters are sent to parents informing them of their son having missed assessment tasks and where attendance and performance have been unsatisfactory;
- will ensure that when a first warning letter is sent, the relevant Head Teacher will arrange a meeting with the student and will contact the parent to discuss the student's progress;
- will ensure that when a second warning letter is sent the Deputy Principal will arrange a meeting with the student and parent and their progress will be discussed with their parents present;
- will request written acknowledgement from the student and his parent(s)/guardians(s);
- will ensure that a copy of the NESA warning letter is placed in the student's central file.
- will ensure that the Principal is notified if a student has two warning letters sent home. Every student awarded an 'N' determination will be interviewed by the Principal.

STUDENT REVIEWS/APPEALS

1. A student may appeal:

- against his mark in the course assessed on the grounds of a clerical error,
- if the School has varied from its stated Assessment Policy.

2. No appeal may be entered against marks allocated for a particular task or piece of work.

3. A student who wishes to appeal must do so in writing. These appeals must be submitted through the Deputy Principal concerned. Details of methods of appeal are available from the Principal.

4. An appeal panel will be formed as required at the time of appeal. The panel will consist of any three of the following:

- Principal
- Deputy Principals
- The Head Teacher of the Faculty

In conducting a review, NESA requires the panel to ascertain whether:

- the weightings specified by the school in its assessment program conform to NSEA requirements as detailed in the subject guides;
- the procedures used by the school for determining the final assessment program conform to its stated assessment program;
- there are computational or other clerical errors.

Provided that the panel is satisfied that these conditions have been met, no change will be made to the final result. If a student is dissatisfied with the decision of the review, there is provision for appeal to the NESA.

The only grounds for such appeals will be to judge whether the procedures followed by Homebush Boys High School complied with the NESA policies and whether the conduct of the review was proper in all respects.

N Determinations

If a student is deemed not to have completed a course, the student will receive an 'N' determination. The course will be listed as 'Not Completed' on the student's Record of Achievement, and this may mean that the student is not eligible for the award of a RoSA in that year.

Students have the right to appeal against an 'N' determination. The appropriate form can be obtained from the principal. Appeals against 'N' determinations should be lodged with the principal, who will advise the student of the date by which the appeal must be submitted.

If the student is dissatisfied with the result of the school review of his appeal, the student should advise the Principal that he wishes the appeal to be referred to NESA.



ASSESSMENT TASK ILLNESS / MISADVENTURE APPLICATION



To be completed by a student who was / is unable to attend / submit an assessment task on the due date.

Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

Course: _____ Faculty: _____

Assessment Task Missed: _____ Task Date: _____

Task missed due to illness: (Attach Doctor's Certificate to this form.)

Task missed through other reason: (State reason and attach any supporting evidence.)

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FACULTY SECTION – to be completed by the Deputy Principal

Illness/Misadventure application form received by: _____ Date: _____

Did student inform the school of absence on the day of the task? Yes / No

Was application lodged the next day the student was in attendance at school? Yes / No

Teacher's name: _____

Head Teacher's comment _____

Has this student submitted an Illness/Misadventure form for any other assessment tasks in this subject? Yes / No

If yes, please comment: _____

Head Teacher's Signature _____

Deputy Principal's recommendations: Accepted / Rejected

New task Estimated mark Zero Award Referred to Review Panel

Principal's Use: Application is: Accepted / Rejected

Comment: _____

Principal's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent / Guardian Comment: _____

Parent / Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

ENGLISH

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The English Faculty's assessment programme is comprised of three across-year formal assessment tasks – two in Semester One and one in Semester Two. The Half-Yearly report mark will be made up of one formal assessment task and a class mark. The Year Rank is based on the formal task only.

The mark in the Yearly report will be made up of the three formal assessment tasks and class marks. The Year Rank and grade will be based on the mark derived from the three assessment tasks. As well, please note the first 28 students in the assessment rank make up the targeted A class in the following year.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK		COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
SEMESTER ONE				
1.	Multimodal Assessment	Students will deliver a presentation based on the thematic unit studied.	30%	Term 1 Week 10
2.	In – class ongoing assessment	This mark will be made up of class and homework tasks and presentations.	10%	Term 2 Week 5
3.	Analytical response	Assesses students' ability to analyse text/s for literal and inferential meanings. This will include an extended response.	20%	Term 2 Week 10
SEMESTER TWO				
4.	Writing Assessment	Involves writing an essay based on the novel studied in class.	30%	Term 3 Week 7
5.	In – class ongoing assessment	This mark will be made up of class and homework tasks and presentations.	10%	Term 4 Week 10

Students who are absent from the assessment MUST see the Head Teacher of English with a doctor's certificate the next day they are at school.

Late submission will result in a 20% deduction per day late, 40% for the weekend. After three days, a mark of zero will be awarded and a letter sent home.

*Due to new tasks proposed timing subject to change.



GEOGRAPHY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Semester 1 involves the examination of the physical characteristics and productivity of biomes as well as the patterns and trends in population movements and the increasing urbanisation of countries. Students will examine the correlation between the world's climatic zones and spatial distributions of biomes and their capacity to support food and non-food agricultural production. They will also discuss the reasons for internal and international migration patterns and the consequences of population movements, including the increased concentration of populations within countries.

Semester 2 allows students to develop an understanding of the functioning of environments and the scale of human-induced environmental change challenging sustainability. Students undertake an investigative study of the causes and consequences of environmental change in Australia and another country. They compare and evaluate the management responses in both countries and propose ways individuals can contribute to environmental sustainability. Students will also examine the nature of, and differences in, human wellbeing and development that exist within and between countries. Local, national and global initiatives to improve human wellbeing will be examined.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK	COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
SEMESTER ONE			
1. Website Design	Sustainable Biomes	25%	Term 1 Week 8
2. Extended Response	Changing Places	25%	Term 2 Week 5
	TOTAL	50%	
SEMESTER TWO			
3. Research and Multimedia Presentation	Human Wellbeing	25%	Term 3 Week 8
4. Final Examination	Environmental change & Management, Human wellbeing and Geographical Skills	25%	Term 4 Week 5
	TOTAL	50%	

Written feedback including marking criteria for each assessment task will be provided. The Half-Yearly report includes tasks 1 & 2. Yearly Report is based on 50% Semester One and 50% Semester Two.

LITERACY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Literacy and Learning Fitness course aims to improve reading and writing outcomes for all students through personal engagement with high quality literary texts and through regular writing practice. A habit of wide reading, listening tasks, memory work and handwriting practice are all key components of the course. Content includes the Super Six Reading Strategies, The Seven Learning Dispositions and Grammar Revolution sentence diagramming. Matrix style assignments, guided self-reflection, and creative and critical thinking tasks build student capacity for independent learning in all areas of the curriculum.

The Half-Yearly report will be made up of the first task only. The Yearly report will include a mark based on all four tasks.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK	COMPONENT/DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	DUE	
SEMESTER ONE				
1.	Class based assessment	Book mark, grammar and knowledge quizzes, WordFlyers, handwriting, homework reading and writing tasks and class participation	25%	Ongoing
2.	Special interest evaluative essay	Students choose a topic of special interest and using models provided, research and write into an evaluative essay using an ALARM Matrix.	25%	Term 2 Week 8
SEMESTER TWO				
3.	Class based assessment	Book mark, grammar and knowledge tests, WordFlyers, handwriting and oral presentation	25%	Ongoing
4.	Final exam	This will be made up of a range of skills and knowledge taught across the course.	25%	Term 4 Week 2

Late submission will result in a 10% deduction per day late, 20% for the weekend. After five days, a mark of zero will be awarded and a letter sent home.

*Due to new tasks, proposed timing is subject to change.



MATHEMATICS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The study of mathematics provides opportunities for students to learn to describe and apply patterns and relationships; reason, predict and solve problems, calculate accurately both mentally and in written form and interpret and communicate information presented in numerical, geometrical, graphical, statistical and algebraic form.

The Half-Yearly Report mark will be made up of Task 1, Task 2 and the semester 1 Class mark. The Yearly Report mark will be made up all the tasks for the year.

Class-mark is a measure of class-work within a particular class. It includes: class tasks, exercise book, class research task and a measure of class involvement.

Working Mathematically Project a different project will be given for each level.

Report cards will indicate a mark, position and grade within the Stage studied.

The content strands are Number, Patterns and Algebra, Data, Measurement, Space and Geometry.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

SEMESTER ONE				
	TASK	COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
1.	Task 1	Written Test	30%	Term 1 Week 9
2.	Task 2	Written Test	40%	Term 2 Week 5
3.	Class Mark	Mathletics Effort/Exercise book	15% 15%	Term 2 Week 5
		TOTAL	100%	

SEMESTER TWO				
	TASK	COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
1.	Task 3	Written Test	30%	Term 3 Week 6
2.	Task 4	Working Mathematically	10%	Term 3 Week 9
		Written Test	40%	Term 4 Week 4
3.	Class Mark	Effort/Exercise book Mathletics	10% 10%	Term 4 Week 4
		TOTAL	100%	

PD/H/PE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In Personal Development, Health and Physical Education students cover the following units; Emotion Commotion, Move it or Lose It, You are What you Eat and Can't We All Just Get Along. Students evaluate a broad range of factors that shape identity and have an impact on young people's health decisions, behaviours and actions. They plan and evaluate strategies and interventions and advocate for their own and others' health safety and wellbeing. Students investigate the impact of changes and transitions on relationships. They assess their capacity to consider and respond positively to challenges and how they can contribute to caring, inclusive and respectful relationships. In practical lessons, students engage in Invasion Games, Net and Court, Target Games and Striking and Fielding units and learn tactical awareness, strategies, analysis of movement and the value of physical activity. Students are assessed on both theory and practical outcomes.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Assessment Component	Weighting	TASK 1 ALARM Assessment Term 1 Week 10	TASK 2 Ongoing Prac. Assessment Term 2 Week 3	TASK 3 Composition and Performance Assessment Term 3 Week 7-10	TASK 4 Food and Nutrition Assessment Term 4 Week 3
Health, Wellbeing and Relationships	30%	25%	5%		
Movement Skill and Performance	40%		15%	25%	
Healthy, Safe and Active Lifestyles	30%		5%		25%
Total	100	25%	25%	25%	25%
Outcomes		5.1 5.2	5.4 5.10	5.5 5.11	5.6 5.7

Outcome descriptions will be outlined in detail on each assessment task.



SCIENCE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The study of science develops student's scientific knowledge and understanding, skills and values and attitude within broad areas of science that encompasses the traditional disciplines of Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Earth Sciences.

REPORTING CYCLE

- Half-Yearly Report Due – Term 2, Week 6. Report includes Task 1 only. A Semester Class Mark and Year Rank.
- Yearly Report Due – Term 4, Week 4. Report includes Task 2, 3 and 4. Report is based on 50% weighting of Semester One and 50% weighting of Semester Two. The Yearly Report will include mark, Year Rank and Grade (A-E)

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

	TASK	COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
		SEMESTER ONE		
1.	Task 1 – Practical/skills – Physics and related skills in a scientific process	Term 1 – 11 weeks Chapter 3 Heat, Light and Sound (4 weeks) Chapter 4 Waves (3 weeks) Chapter 5 Electricity (3 weeks)	25%	Term 1 Week 9
2.	Task 2: Half-Yearly Examination Topics: Chemistry and Physics	Term 2 – 10 weeks Chapter 1 – Materials (5 weeks) Chapter 2 Reaction Types (5 weeks)	20%	Term 2 Week 6
	Class activities to be reported as outcomes but not assessed	Worksheet/notebook completion, spelling and sentence usage – Literacy focus	Nil	A minimum of one per Term
SEMESTER TWO				
3.	Task 3: Research & Communication	Term 3 – 10 weeks Chapter 6 – Body Coordination (5 weeks) Chapter 9 Plate Tectonics (5 weeks)	25%	Term 3 Week 5
4.	Task 4: Yearly Examination Body coordination, Diseases, Ecosystems	Term 4 – (9.5 weeks) Chapter 8 Ecosystems (4 weeks) Chapter 9 – Plate Tectonics (5 weeks)	30%	Term 4 Week 4

* Students will receive written notification of the details of each task.

ELECTIVE SUBJECTS

ABORIGINAL STUDIES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Aboriginal Studies program is designed to give students opportunities to develop research skills, speaking skills, listening skills and writing skills. Explicit teaching and detailed feedback is provided for each element of the program before assessment takes place. Vocabulary development and textual analysis is an integral part of each unit of work. Students are expected to engage in the details of texts.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK		COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
SEMESTER ONE				
1.	Listening Task	Aboriginal Oral and Written Expression	25%	Term 1 Week 6
2.	Reading and Writing	Aboriginal Peoples and the Media	25%	Term 2 Week 4
3.	Ongoing Assessment	CORE & OPTIONS	50%	Terms 1 & 2
		TOTAL	100%	
SEMESTER TWO				
4.	Essay	Aboriginal Identities	25%	Term 3 Week 6
5.	Drama – Play Script	Aboriginal Performing Arts	25%	Term 4 Week 2
6.	Ongoing Assessment	CORE & OPTIONS	50%	Terms 3 & 4
		TOTAL	100%	

The Half Yearly Report will include tasks 1 & 2 plus an ongoing assessment component worth 50%. The Yearly report will include tasks (1, 2, 4 & 5) and an ongoing assessment component worth 50%.



COMMERCE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Commerce provides the knowledge, skills, understanding and values that form the foundation on which young people make sound decisions on consumer, financial, business, legal and employment issues. It develops in students an understanding of commercial and legal processes and competencies for personal financial management.

Through the study of Commerce students develop financial literacy which enables them to participate in the financial system in an informed way.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK		COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
1.	Business report	Consumer and Financial Decisions	20%	Term 1 Week 7
2.	Half-Yearly Examination	Consumer and Financial Decisions, Promoting and Selling	25%	Term 2, Week 5
3.	Commerce Market Day	Promoting and Selling, Running a Business	30%	Term 3 Week 5
4.	Final Examination	Running a Business, Employment and Work Futures, Investing	25%	Term 4 Week 6
		TOTAL	100%	

The Half-Yearly Report will include tasks 1 and 2. The Yearly Report will include all tasks. Ranking will be calculated across the Year cohort. If a student is absent on the date of the assessment task, he must bring a note to explain his absence, and submit his task on the first day he returns to school. If a student is absent from doing the task due to an illness, he must obtain a doctor's certificate which he must present to his teacher or Head Teacher on his first day back at school. Late submission will result in a mark of Zero (0) and N letter will be sent home.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Stage 5 FOOD TECHNOLOGY is designed to engage and challenge all students to maximise their learning capabilities in FOOD INDUSTRY. Students will engage in practical and theoretical cooking lessons, food hygiene and legislation in food preparation, safe handling and storage of food; as well as attend to industry visits to enable them to appreciate all outcomes in the discipline. The course aims to enhance the student's ability to think logically and begin to express their knowledge in a variety of complex ways. There is a great focus on practical activity with emphasis in developing appropriate knowledge, skills and safety awareness while engaged in food industry.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK		WEIGHT	DUE
SEMESTER ONE			
1.	Food Selection and Health Research Task	30%	Term 1 Week 8
2.	Theory Assessment (Book Mark)	20%	Term 2 Week 1
3.	Practical Assessment	50%	Term 2 Week 2
	TOTAL	100%	
SEMESTER TWO			
1.	Food Equity Assignment	25%	Term 3 Week 2
2.	The OZ Identity Assignment	25%	Term 3 Week 9
3.	Practical Assessment	40%	Term 4 Week 1
4.	Theory Assessment (Book Mark)	10%	Term 4 Week 2
	TOTAL	100%	

Students will be given an overall grade of A-E and ranked within the year group for Semester 1 and 2 reports. Course performance descriptors will be used in conjunction with assessment tasks and class work to assign ROSA grade for this course.



INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TIMBER/ELECTRONICS/METALS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Industrial Technology allows students to undertake specific learning in their chosen specialised area of study. The course allows them to appreciate industrial and domestic setting of the industry and focus on work, health and safety aspects together with environmental issues related to the industry. Students get a chance to broaden their practical skills and theoretical knowledge that is applied in daily living activities.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK		COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
SEMESTER ONE				
1.	Research Assignment	Research and oral presentation	10%	Term 1 Week 7
2.	Half Yearly Examination	Theory and Practical Exam	30%	Term 2 Week 4
3.	In-class Ongoing assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical projects• Homework• Class quizzes and tests	60%	Ongoing Semester 1
SEMESTER TWO				
4.	Research Assignment	Research task in specialised industry.	10%	Term 3 Week 8
5.	Yearly Examination	Theory and Practical exam	30%	Term 4 Week 4
6.	In-class Ongoing assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical projects• Homework• Class quizzes and tests	60%	Ongoing Semester 2

Results from assessment tasks 1, 2 and 3 will be used for Half Yearly Reports and marks will be expressed out of 100. Assessment tasks 4, 5 and 6 results will be used and expressed as a percentage for Yearly Reports. An overall grade will be given for Yearly Reports and ranks will be calculated in cohort.

INFORMATION SOFTWARE & TECHNOLOGY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students study a range of topics over the next two years. It is project based learning for both semesters. The students will use Internet to explore Hardware & Software needed to build up virtually a working computer. Many applications will be used to complete project deliverables, such Word Processing for reporting, Spreadsheet for budgeting and Power Point for presentation and seminar.

Students during Semester two will design, build and program a Robot for a specific purpose. Students will also design and create a 3d printed object in robotics. And program Drones and develop their skills in programming and coding.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK	COMPONENT/DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	DUE
SEMESTER ONE			
1.	Project based learning	Internet Research, Hardware, Software, Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Power Point and seminar presentation.	40% Term 1 Week 8
2.	Project based learning	Written exam	40% Term 2 Week 5
3.	In-class Ongoing deliverables on PBL & Textbook activities	Deliverables & class activities	20% Weekly throughout semester
SEMESTER TWO			
4.	Project based learning	Robotics, design, build and program a robot for a specific purpose, 3D printers, Programming and flying Drones.	40% Term 3 Week 8
5.	Project based learning	Written exam	40% Term 4 Week 4
7.	In-class Ongoing deliverables on PBL & Textbook activities	Deliverables & class activities	20% Weekly throughout semester



KOREAN/CHINESE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Develop students' language Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing skills in an atmosphere of enjoyment and achievement. Provide a range of culturally enriching experiences for students. Develop students' confidence, concentration and creative thinking skills and their confidence as communicators.

The four macro skills: listening, reading, speaking and writing are related to syllabus objectives within the Communicating strand in the following way:

Interacting	Accessing and responding*	Composing
Listening	Listening	Speaking
Reading	Reading	Writing
Speaking	Speaking	
Writing	Writing	

* The response to texts may be in English or Korean depending on the outcome or content.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK		COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
SEMESTER ONE				
1.	Assignment Project	Cultural understanding	30%	Term 1 Week 9
2.	Continuous Assessment	Language Skills	30%	Term 2 Week 3
3.	Half Yearly Exam	Language Skills	40%	Term 2 Week 3
		TOTAL	100%	
SEMESTER TWO				
4.	Assignment Project	Cultural understanding	30%	Term 3 Week 8
5.	Continuous Assessment	Language Skills	30%	Term 4 Week 1
6.	Yearly Exam	Language Skills	40%	Term 4 Week 1
		TOTAL	100%	
Student rankings will be class based only.				

MILITARY HISTORY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Military History course allows students to develop their fascination for military history and caters for those who wish to expand their knowledge of the history of human conflict, from Ancient times to the Nuclear Age.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK	COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
1. Historical Inquiry: Research and oral Presentation	Battles of the Ancient World	15%	Term 1 Week 7
2. In-class structured Response	The Ancient World: The Roman Army	25%	Term 2 Week 4
3. In-class ongoing assessment	Two class based tasks from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICT activity• Group work/orals• Bookwork• Class task	10%	Entire Semester, up to Term 2 Week 4
4. Research and in-class extended response	Military Leadership	15%	Term 3 Week 6
5. Report	Warrior Societies	25%	Term 4 Week 3
6. In-class ongoing assessments	Two class based tasks from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICT activity• Group work/orals• Bookwork• Class task	10%	Entire semester, up to Term 4 Week 3
	TOTAL	100%	

The Half Yearly Report will include tasks 1, 2 and 3. The Yearly Report will include all tasks. Ranking will be calculated across the Year cohort.



MUSIC

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The stage Year 9 course in Music aims to further develop the technical skills in the listening, composing and playing of different styles of music. It provides students with the opportunity to build an understanding of the role of music in a variety of cultures, and also covers the history of music from traditional, modern and contemporary movements.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK		COMPONENT/DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	DUE
SEMESTER ONE				
1.	Aural (Listening)	Analysis of Music Concepts (Open book exam)	15%	Term 1 Week 7
2.	Performance	Practical Instrument Based (Class piece)	10%	Term 1 Week 9
3.	Composition	Arranging Pieces of Music	15%	Term 2 Week 5
4.	Performance	Practical Instrument Based (Class piece)	10%	Term 2 Week 6
SEMESTER TWO				
5.	Aural (Musicology)	Analysis of Music Concepts (Written task)	10%	Term 3 Week 5
6.	Performance	Practical Instrument Based (Choice of piece reflecting topic or Class piece)	15%	Term 3 Week 8
7.	Composition	Composing a Piece of Music relating to topic selected for study	15%	Term 3 Week 9
8.	Aural (listening)	Analysis of Music Concepts (Yearly Exam)	10%	Term 4 Week 4

Written feedback including marking criteria for each assessment task will be provided. The Half Yearly Report includes tasks 1-5. Marks are cumulative for the Yearly Report.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SPORTS STUDIES

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Physical Activity and Sports Studies represents a broad view of physical activity and the many possible contexts in which individuals can build activity into their lifestyle. It incorporates a wide range of lifelong physical activities, including recreational, leisure and adventure pursuits, competitive and non-competitive games, individual and group physical fitness activities, and the use of physical activity for therapy and remediation. This course promotes the concept of learning through movement. Many aspects of the course can be explored through participation in selected movement applications in which students experience, examine, analyse and apply new understanding. Students are encouraged to specialise and study areas in depth, to work towards a particular performance goal, pursue a formal qualification or examine an issue of interest related to the physical, emotional, social, cultural or scientific dimensions of physical activity and sport.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Assessment Component	Weighting	TASK 1 Coaching Assessment Term 1 Week 8 Theory Term 2 Weeks 8-10 Practical	TASK 2 Australian Sporting Identity Term 3 Week 10	TASK 3 Yearly Examination Term 4 Week 2
Foundations of Physical Activity	30%			30%
Physical Activity and Sport in Society	40%		30%	5%
Enhancing Participation and Performance	30%	30%		5%
Total	100%	30%	30%	40%
Outcomes		PASS5-5, 5-6, 5-7, 5-8, 5-9	PASS5-3, 5-4, 5-10	PASS5-1, 5-2

Outcome descriptions will be outlined in detail on each assessment task.



VISUAL ARTS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Year 9 course in Visual Arts fosters interest and enjoyment in the making and studying of art. It provides students with the opportunity to build an understanding of the role of art, in all forms of media, in contemporary and historical cultures of the visual world. Visual Arts empowers students to engage in visual forms of communication to develop their own interests and to be self-motivated to become active learners.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

TASK		COMPONENT	WEIGHT	DUE
SEMESTER ONE				
1.	Artmaking	Practical work includes: - Lead up drawings, designs - Key artwork/s	20% 40%	Term 2 Week 8
2.	Critical / Historical Study	Research task of selected artists / artworks.	30%	Term 1 Week 8
3.	Ongoing Assessment	Visual Arts Process Diary Worksheets / Homework	5% 5%	Throughout Semester
		TOTAL	100%	
SEMESTER TWO				
4.	Artmaking	Practical work includes: - Lead up drawings, designs - Key artwork	20% 40%	Term 4 Week 5
5.	Critical / Historical Study	Research task of selected artists / artworks.	30%	Term 3 Week 6
6.	Ongoing Assessment	Visual Arts Process Diary Worksheets / Homework	5% 5%	Throughout Semester
		TOTAL	100%	

Task description and marking criteria for each assessment task will be provided in the Assessment Notification.

The Half Yearly report includes Semester 1 tasks.

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR – TERM 1

WEEK DUE	SUBJECT	TASK
Ongoing	Aboriginal Studies	Class and homework tasks
Ongoing	English	In-Class Ongoing Assessments
Ongoing	Industrial Technology (Electronics, Metal & Timber)	In-Class Assessments throughout semester 1 (Practical & Theory)
Ongoing	Information Software & Technology	PBL Deliverables & class activities
Ongoing	LITERACY	In-Class Ongoing Assessments
Ongoing	Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary Worksheets / Homework
6	Aboriginal Studies	Listening Task
7	Commerce	Business Report
7	Industrial Technology Electronics / Metals / Timber	Research and oral presentation. Literacy focused.
7	Military History	Historical Inquiry: Battles of the Ancient world
7	Music - Aural (Listening)	Analysis of Music Concepts (Open book exam)
8	Food Technology	Food Selection & Health Research Task
8	Geography	Website Design
8	Information Software & Technology	Project Based Learning
8	PASS	Theory
8	PASS	Practical
8	Visual Arts	Research task of artists / artworks.
9	Korean/Chinese	Assignment project
9	Mathematics	Written test
9	Music - Performance	Practical Instrument Based (Class piece)
9	Science	Practical Skills – Physics related
10	English	Multimodal Assessment
10	PDHPE	ALARM Assessment

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR – TERM 2

WEEK DUE	SUBJECT	TASK
Ongoing	Aboriginal Studies (Sem.1)	Home Prep, Quizzes, Assignments
Ongoing	English	In-Class Ongoing Assessments
Ongoing	Industrial Technology Electronics/Metals / Timber	In-Class Assessments throughout semester 1 (Practical & Theory)
Ongoing	Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary Worksheets / Homework
1	Food Technology	Theory Assessment
2	Food Technology	Practical Assessment
3	Korean/Chinese	Continuous assessment
3	Korean/Chinese	Half Yearly Examination
3	PDHPE	Games Skills/ ongoing prac
4	Aboriginal Studies	Reading and Writing
4	Industrial Technology Electronics / Metals / Timber	Theory and Practical Exam
4	Military History	In-class structured response
5	Commerce	Half Yearly Examination
5	Geography	Extended Response
5	Information Software & Technology	PBL Written exam
5	Mathematics	Task 2 Written Test
5	Music - Composition	Arranging Pieces of Music
6	Music - Performance	Practical Instrument Based (Class piece)
6	Science	Half Yearly Examination
8	LITERACY	Special interest evaluative essay
8	Visual Arts	Artmaking - Lead up work Body of Work
10	English	Analytical Response

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR – TERM 3

WEEK DUE	SUBJECT	TASK
Ongoing	Aboriginal Studies (Sem.2)	Home Prep, Quizzes, Assignments
Ongoing	English	In-Class Ongoing Assessments
Ongoing	Industrial Technology Electronics/Metals / Timber	In-Class Assessments throughout semester 2 (Practical & Theory)
Ongoing	Information Software & Technology	PBL Deliverables & class activities
Ongoing	LITERACY	In-Class Ongoing Assessments
Ongoing	Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary Worksheets / Homework
2	Food Technology	Research Assignment
5	Commerce	Commerce Market Day
5	Music - Aural (Musicology)	Analysis of Music Concepts (Written)
5	Science	Research and Communication
6	Aboriginal Studies	Essay
6	Mathematics	Written Test
6	Military History	Research/in-class extended response
6	Visual Arts	Research task of artists / artworks.
7	English	Writing assessment
7-10	PDHPE	Composition and performance task
8	Geography	Research & Multimedia Presentation
8	Industrial Technology Electronics /Metals / Timber	Research task in specialised Industry.
8	Information Software & Technology	Project Based Learning
8	Korean/Chinese	Assignment project
8	Music - Performance	Practical Instrument Based
9	Food Technology	Oz Identity Assignment
9	Mathematics	Working Mathematically Project
9	Music - Composition	Composing a Piece of Music
10	Physical Activity and Sport Studies	Australian Sporting Identity Assessment Task

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR – TERM 4

WEEK DUE	SUBJECT	TASK
Ongoing	Aboriginal Studies (Sem.2)	Home Prep, Quizzes, Assignments
Ongoing	Commerce	In-Class Ongoing Assessments
Ongoing	English	In-Class Ongoing Assessments
Ongoing	Literacy	In-Class Ongoing Assessments
Ongoing	Industrial Technology Electronics/Metals / Timber	In-Class Assessments throughout semester 2 (Practical & Theory)
Ongoing	Visual Arts	Visual Arts Process Diary Worksheets / Homework
1	Food Technology	Practical Assessment
1	Korean/Chinese	Continuous assessment
1	Korean/Chinese	Yearly Examination
2	Aboriginal Studies	Drama – Play Script
2	Food Technology	Theory Assessment
2	LITERACY	Final exam
2	Physical Activity and Sports Studies	Yearly Examination
3	Military History	Report
3	PDHPE	Food and Nutrition Assessment Task
4	Food Technology	Yearly Examination -Theory and Practical
4	Industrial Technology Electronics/Metals / Timber	Yearly Examination -Theory and Practical
4	Information Software & Technology	PBL Written Exam
4	Mathematics	Written Test
4	Music – Aural (listening)	Analysis of Music Concepts (Yearly Exam)
4	Science	Yearly Examination
5	Geography	Final Examination
5	Visual Arts	Artemaking - Lead up work Body of Work
6	Commerce	Final Examination

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