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Dear Parent of Year 7 students

Information regarding upcoming diagnostic testing for Year 7

Due to Covid restrictions, in 2021 the College was unable to hold academic assessment tests when your son was in Year 6. This term, Year 7 boys will be involved in some diagnostic testing. These are not 'tests' in the sense of ranking or grading students; they are about identifying areas of strength and areas to support the boys in key skills and competencies.

The tests provide the College with valuable information to support your son's learning. There is no need for your son to study or otherwise prepare for these. The Core teachers will prepare their class for the various tests.

Here is the list of upcoming diagnostic testing this term.

Best Start Year 7	Week 3 during Core and Maths lessons	Literacy and Numeracy testing through NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority), providing a snapshot of the literacy and numeracy skills and understandings that students bring to secondary school.
AAS Year 7	Wednesday 23 February in the ERC	Allwell testing to provide data on a wide range of learning skills and competencies including abstract reasoning and problem solving.
NAPLAN practice	Week 10 in Core lessons	Year 7 students will complete the Australian Government mandated NAPLAN testing in Term 2. NAPLAN covers skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy. Students will undertake a practice test in Week 10 to familiarise themselves with the process and the types of questions they will answer.

We look forward to supporting your son on his learning journey through the College. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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