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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 11

I am emailing to let you know that during weeks 8 and 9 of this term, Year 11 students will be doing HSC minimum standards testing. Normally this testing would have been conducted in Year 10 but this was unable to occur last year due to Covid-19.

Testing will coincide with the two weeks in which the Year 11 Retreat is running. Retreat runs in two groups, in either Week 8 or Week 9. Year 11 students will do the minimum standards testing in the week they are not on Retreat. Students who are sick will be able to do the testing at another time.

## What is HSC minimum standards testing?

Passing the HSC Minimum Standards tests is a requirement for all NSW students who wish to receive an HSC testamur. To put this into perspective, in NSW last year, less than 1% of students failed to meet the minimum standards for the HSC. Students need to achieve a minimum level in short online reading, writing and numeracy tests of skills for everyday life.

## **Preparation and support**

The day prior to their tests, Samuel will receive training and be given an opportunity to practice each type of test. Students who do not initially meet the minimum standard(s) will be given further support, and will then have the opportunity to sit the test again (up to four chances per year).

## More information

For more information, please see the attached flyer or this weblink: <u>HSC minimum standard | NSW</u> Education Standards.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions at: <a href="mailto:tanderson@stedwards.nsw.edu.au">tanderson@stedwards.nsw.edu.au</a>.

Warm regards

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