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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10 students

I am emailing to let you know that during week 7 of this Term, Year 10 students will be participating in HSC Minimum Standards testing in two groupings on either Tuesday 21 November (Group 1) or Wednesday 22 November (Group 2).

Your son's allocated group will come up for Noah on his portal.

### **What is HSC minimum standards testing?**

Passing the Minimum Standards tests is a requirement for all NSW students who wish to receive an HSC testamur. Students need to achieve a minimum level in a series of short online reading, writing and numeracy tests of skills for everyday life. Many schools conduct this testing towards the end of Year 10.

Students who do not pass on their first attempt will be provided with additional support by teaching staff and will have another opportunity to do the tests early next year (students get up to 4 retest opportunities per year). To put this into perspective, in NSW last year, less than 1% of students ultimately failed to meet the minimum standards for the HSC.

### **Preparation and support**

Students have participated in writing workshops in their English class as preparation for the testing. Students will also participate in a refresher session on the day of their tests, prior to starting their first test.

Students who access disability provisions have met with our Diverse Learning team to discuss. If you have any questions regarding disability provisions, please contact Mrs Katie Neilly, Leader of Diverse Learning: [kneilly@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kneilly@stedwards.nsw.edu.au).

### **More information**

For more information, please see the attached flyer or this weblink: [HSC minimum standard | NSW Education Standards](#).

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions at: [tanderson@stedwards.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tanderson@stedwards.nsw.edu.au).

Warm regards

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