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SYDNEY SECONDARY COLLEGE LEICHHARDT

YEAR 8 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

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INTRODUCTION

This Handbook includes the assessment schedules for each course of study which students are expected to complete.

Periodic assessment is an important way for students to demonstrate that they have successfully achieved the outcomes of the course being studied. Assessment tasks also allow teachers to find out where students are having problems with course work, concepts and skills so that they may intervene if necessary to correct student misunderstanding.

All staff at the school will provide support for students in their learning, or to help inform decisions and to overcome problems should they arise. There are some key staff that will have particular responsibilities and interest in the general well-being of students.

These include:

- Classroom Teachers
- Moomba Teachers (to be used like Mentors)
- Head Teachers of all Faculties
- Year Advisers: Mr Gregor Boyle and Ms Teagan Cairns
- Head Teacher Wellbeing: Ms Janine Ahie (Relieving)
- Deputy Principal Year 8: Mrs Sally Bury
- Head Teacher Learning and Enhancement: Ms Cherryl Ellis
- Aboriginal Education Officer: Ms Danielle Maslen
- Careers Adviser: Mr Anthony Brien
- School Counsellors: Christie Kenny (Mon, Wed, Thu) Kristina Baker (Tue, Fri)
- Principal: Mrs Tracey Casey

Students should feel confident to seek their advice and guidance should questions or issues arise, or simply to clarify issues if uncertain.

Parents are also welcome to contact the school if they have concerns regarding their children's academic progress. For general concerns, please contact the Year Advisers. For concerns regarding a particular subject, please contact the Head Teacher of that subject. The Head Teacher's name is listed on the subject assessment schedule.

Mrs Tracey Casey
Principal
February 2022

SSC Leichhardt Campus Assessment Policy

Assessment is the process of identifying, gathering and interpreting information about student achievement. Assessment can be used to:

- assist 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
- report on the achievement by each student at the end of a course.

Assessment of Learning (summative assessment) - assists teachers in using evidence of student learning to assess achievement against outcomes and standards. Usually occurs at defined key points during a unit of work or at the end of a unit, term or semester, and may be used to rank or grade students. The effectiveness of assessment of learning for grading or ranking depends on the validity and reliability of activities. Its effectiveness as an opportunity for learning depends on the nature and quality of the feedback.

Assessment for Learning (formative assessment) involves teachers using evidence about students' knowledge, understanding and skills to inform their teaching. Usually occurs throughout the teaching and learning process to clarify student learning and understanding.

Assessment as Learning occurs when students are their own assessors. Students monitor their own learning, ask questions and use a range of strategies to decide what they know and can do, and how to use assessment for new learning.

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt Campus is expected to:

- conduct sound assessment programs that allow students to demonstrate the breadth and depth of their knowledge, skills and understanding (level of achievement) of the outcomes in a range of different task types
- develop quality assessment tasks and well-constructed marking guidelines
- provide effective feedback to students in relation to their strengths and weaknesses and areas for improvement
- encourage students to take greater responsibility for their own learning
- evaluate and refine teaching programs in response to student performance
- report student achievement to various audiences including parents, employers and others, in ways that meet their needs
- report assessments (satisfactorily completion and grades for Year 10) to the NSW Education Standards Authority NESA.

SSC Leichhardt Campus will develop

- **assessment programs/schedules** that inform students of the
 - number of tasks
 - type of tasks
 - mark value/weighting
 - due dates
- **assessment notifications** ("generally at least two weeks' written notice") that inform students of:
 - the scope of the assessment task
 - the form of the assessment task
 - the timing and duration of the task

- the outcomes being assessed
- the marking guidelines/criteria
- **malpractice procedures that inform students of**
 - what malpractice is
 - the penalty if malpractice is proven
- **procedures for maintaining secure records of all marks awarded for assessment tasks**
 - all marks to be stored in the faculty *Sentral* mark book
- **procedures for submission of assessments**
 - campuses may accept submissions using electronic systems such as Edmodo, one note, email or paper submissions. Technology failures will not be a valid excuse for late submission.
- **procedures for late submission and request for extension**
 - penalties will be imposed for late submissions of assessment tasks, if an Illness/Misadventure Application is not accepted by the campus/school. Parents will be informed in writing when a zero mark is awarded.
- **procedures for student absence from tasks and prolonged absences**
 - students will complete the task immediately on return to school at a time arranged with the head teacher/ classroom teacher
 - tasks will be completed, where possible, in isolation from the class cohort
 - In prolonged approved absence an estimate may be given
- **procedures for non-attempt, non-serious attempt and non-submission of an assessment task**
 - non-attempt concerns if there is no evidence of academic engagement with the task
 - non-serious attempt concerns where students write frivolous or objectionable material
 - non-submission concerns the failure to submit a task for marking
 - a zero mark will be awarded for non-attempt, non-serious attempt and non-submission of an assessment task
- **procedures for disability provisions**
 - **Principals** have the authority to decide on, and to implement, **disability provisions** for school-based assessment tasks including examinations. Provisions are provided to ensure that students with a disability are able to access and respond to a task. Campuses should consider implementing disability provisions based on recommendations from their Learning Support Team

'N' determination-Year 10

SSC Leichhardt Campus will inform parents and students about their child's progress.

A student will be considered to have satisfactorily completed a course if, in the principal's view, there is sufficient evidence that the student has:

- a) followed the course developed or endorsed by NESA; and
- b) applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided in the course by the school; and
- c) achieved some or all of the course outcomes.

Principals may determine that, as a result of absence, the course completion criteria may not be met. Warning letters must relate the student's absence to the non-completion of course requirements.

- parents /guardians will be informed in writing when a student fails to follow NESA course requirements (a, b, c above). This includes when a student is awarded a zero for an assessment task for non-attempt or non-serious attempt or non-submission of an assessment task

- the 'N' Determination (non-completion of course requirements) warning letters outline the specific requirements that have not been met, the action required to redress the situation and the time frame.
- If there is no satisfactory improvement as the year progresses, then an 'N' determination may be recommended. A minimum of two N determination warning letters in any subject may mean that a student will be declared unsatisfactory in that subject and receive an N determination.
- Where a student feels she or he has sufficient grounds to appeal against an 'N' determination/s in a subject(s) because of poor overall attendance or non-compliance with the requirements, then a student can appeal. Students who wish to lodge an appeal are to see the Principal for advice about the required procedures and for information about the final dates for appeals. Appeals are made first at school level and then to NESA. The Principal will consider all information provided by the student and parents about the circumstances relating to student non-performance. NESA has the final say in awarding grades, after the school has made a decision.

Procedures for malpractice, plagiarism, non-attempt, non-serious attempt and non-submission of tasks.

This will be included in the 'additional information' (assessment policy) component of assessment notifications.

Year 10

This is a formal assessment item. Absence due to illness, funeral, family situation, etc. must be supported by a medical certificate, presented to the Head Teacher on the first day of your return to school, irrespective of your timetable for this subject. You must be prepared to attempt the task on the first day of your return to school – i.e. when your medical certificate expires.

If an assessment is submitted after the due date or is a non-attempt or non-serious attempt without a valid reason a mark of zero will be awarded and the student involved will re-attempt the assessment in order to meet course outcomes. **If plagiarism is evident an automatic mark of zero will be given** and the student/s involved will re-attempt the assessment in order to meet course outcomes. Any form of malpractice and misadventure will also result in parental contact by the respective teacher and student/s involved in the **malpractice may be further supported through the 'Leichhardt Way'.**

Years 7-9

This is a formal assessment item. Absence due to illness, funeral, family situation, etc. must be supported by a medical certificate or documentation from parents/carers, presented to the Head Teacher on the first day of your return to school, irrespective of your timetable for this subject. You must be prepared to attempt the task on the first day of your return to school.

Penalties for unacceptable late submission and non-attempt of assessment are as follows: One day late- 10% of total mark; Two days late- 20% of total mark; Three days late- 30% of total mark; Four days late- 40% of total mark; Five days late- 50% of total mark; More than five days late- mark of zero. If the work has not been submitted after a week the student/s involved will re-attempt the task in order to meet course outcomes.

If plagiarism is evident an automatic mark of zero will be given and the student/s involved will re-attempt the assessment.

If the assessment is a serious non-attempt or non-attempt noted by both the Teacher and Head Teacher the student will receive zero and will re-attempt the assessment in order to meet course outcomes. Any form of malpractice and misadventure will also result in parental contact by the respective teacher and student/s involved in the **malpractice may be further supported through the 'Leichhardt Way' behaviour support process.**

Assessment for Learning Principles and Practices

At Sydney Secondary Leichhardt Campus, we have adopted the NESAs *Assessment for Learning Principles* as the foundation for our assessment practice. It is the responsibility of all teachers at SSCL to familiarise themselves with this document and have a clear understanding of the practical implications for the development, design and preparation of any assessment tasks.

Formative and summative assessment practices give students an opportunity to demonstrate what they know, understand, and can do at a given point in time. These *Assessment for Learning Principles and Practices* must be incorporated into learning at SSCL. They underpin our belief that quality assessment is a critical part of the learning process.

The following *Assessment for Learning Principles* provide the criteria for judging the quality of assessment materials and practises:

- **Emphasises the interactions between learning and manageable assessment strategies that promote learning.** In practice this means:
 - Teachers reflect on the purposes of assessment and on their assessment strategies;
 - Assessment activities allow for demonstration of learning outcomes;
 - Assessment is embedded in learning activities and informs the planning of future learning activities;
 - Teachers use assessment to identify what a student can already do;
 - The quantity of assessment tasks should be sufficient to ensure that students can demonstrate what they know and can do, ensuring that we do not over assess;
 - Consideration must be given to the number of tasks students are required to complete at that time;
 - All assessment tasks MUST go to the Head Teacher for checking;
 - A minimum of two weeks' notification is required for all formal tasks;
 - Holiday breaks cannot be included as part of the (minimum) two-week assessment notification of time;
 - No task is to be undertaken or submitted in the week leading up to examinations (unless negotiated with all students in the course);
 - No task is to be undertaken or submitted in the week after holidays, unless there has been at least two weeks' notice prior to the holidays.
- **Clearly expresses for the students and teacher goals of the learning activity.** In practice this means:
 - Students understand the learning goals and the criteria that will be applied to judge the quality of their achievement;
 - The task must include the assessment criteria;
 - Students receive feedback that helps them make further progress;
 - Students to complete a submission cover sheet;
 - The task MUST be placed on the SSCL assessment proforma.

- **Reflects a view of learning in which assessment helps students learn better, rather than just achieve a better mark.** In practice this means:
 - Teachers use tasks that assess, and therefore encourage, deeper learning
 - The assessment activity and criteria will allow for students to access all marking ranges;
 - Feedback is given in a way that motivates the learner and helps students to understand that mistakes are a part of learning and can lead to improvement;
 - Assessment is an integral component of the teaching and learning process rather than being a separate activity;
 - Students to be awarded an A-E grade based on the standards and course performance descriptors (where applicable; marks are acceptable where applicable);
 - The task may include an explicit literacy and/or numeracy component where appropriate.

- **Provides ways for students to use feedback from assessment.** In practice this means:
 - Feedback is directed to the achievement of standards and away from comparisons with peers;
 - Feedback is clear and constructive about strengths and weaknesses;
 - Feedback is individualised and linked to opportunities for improvement;
 - Feedback must be timely, explicit, and constructive offering guidance for future improvement
 - All tasks must be returned to students within two weeks from the date of submission. This does include school holidays, so a task submitted in the last week or term must be returned the first week of the next term.

- **Helps students take responsibility for their own learning.** In practice this means:
 - Assessment includes strategies for self and peer assessment emphasising the next steps needed for further learning;
 - A copy of the task must be uploaded onto Edmodo (and/or One Note) on the day it is distributed.

- **Is inclusive of all learners.** In practice this means:
 - Assessment against standards provides opportunities for all learners to achieve their best;
 - There are no group marks, students MUST be marked independently on individual components;
 - Assessment activities are free of bias.

Leichhardt Campus School Reports

To inform students, parents and caregivers of student progress, the school issues Semester One reports at the end of Term 2 and Semester Two reports at the end of Term 4.

In each subject, student progress will be indicated on the report in three ways.

1. Overall progress in a course is indicated by an Assessment Grade. This can be done by calculating course marks of student achievement by adding together the marks for the assessment tasks and teacher judgement using the common grade scale for each course.
2. Progress in the learning outcomes will be indicated using the Common Grade Scale:

Achievement Scale	Achievement Description
Outstanding Achievement	The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.
High Achievement	The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
Sound Achievement	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
Basic Achievement	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
Limited Achievement	The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in a few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

3. Other information, including work habits, areas for improvement and how they can be achieved will be included in the teacher comment.

Student Progress Interviews will be held in the school hall on the following dates:

- Year 7- Wednesday 15 June 4.00-7.30 p.m.
- Year 8- Wednesday 22 June 4.00-7.30 p.m.
- Years 9 & 10 – Wednesday 20 July 3.30-7.30 p.m.

Grade Point Average and College Learning plan

In 2021 Sydney Secondary College implemented a College Learning Plan (CLP) to support all students to individually reflect on their academic progress, supporting students to set goals in identified areas of growth in response to their semester reports.

Students will be given a presentation in core class groups in period one of the scheduled day to enable them to contextualise their report and complete a self reflection activity using their individual subject grades, 'Commitment to Learning' descriptors and teacher comments. A Grade point average will be calculated from the students semester one report grades for every subject.

After the initial presentation and self reflection the following periods will involve classes at a time withdrawn to the I-Centre to have a coaching session with a staff member to review the grade point average, set goals and strategies to achieve these goals. Student's grade point average, goals and strategies for success will be recorded in a College Learning Plan in Sentral and will facilitate an ongoing conversation for all students and teachers focused on student identified areas of improvement.

Students will be notified at school of the arrangements for each session.

Dates for College Learning Plan mentoring for Year 8 are:

Term 2 Week 9 - Monday 20 June 2022



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Student Name:

Core class:

College Grade Average

Your College Grade Average (CGA) enables you to reflect on your personal academic achievement.

Calculating your College Grade Average

Your College Grade Average (CGA) also offers a comparison to how well you are progressing when measured against the cohort (your year group). You will be provided with the average CGA across your entire year group that can then be compared to your CGA. This provides you with a reference point of how much you are either above or below the Year Group's average. Over time this also allows you to monitor your progression when measured against your cohort.

Step 1: List all your grades and then convert them to the number of points they are worth.

Outstanding = A = 5 points

High = B = 4 points

Sound = C = 3 points

Basic = D = 2 points

Limited = E = 1 point

Step 2: Total the points

Step 3: Average the points by dividing the total by the number of subjects you studied.

CALCULATE YOUR CGA

For examples: A student received the following overall grades for the subjects they studied		
Step 1: Convert grades to points		
English	Outstanding	5 points
Science	High	4 points
Maths	Outstanding	5 points
French	Sound	3 points
Music	High	4 points
PDHPE	Limited	1 points
Step 2: Total Points		= 22
Step 3: Average the points		
College Grade Average (CGA) (Number of subjects studied)		22÷6 = 3.66

Subject	Grade	Points
English		
Maths		
Science		
HSIE		
PDHPE		
Technology		
Music		
Visual Art		
Languages		
Drama		
Total number of points =		
CGA (total points÷ number of subjects) =		
Five Word Summary		



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Student Name:

Core class:

Report Analysis Reflection Semester 1, 2022

1. Complete using the 'Areas of Learning' from your report

Areas of Learning			
Subject	Grade	Report Comments	
		Positives	Challenges
English			
Maths			
Science			
PDHPE			
HSIE			
Music			
Visual Art			
Technology			
Languages			
Drama			

2. Complete using the Social Development and Commitment to Learning from your report

	English	Maths	HSIE	PDHPE	SCIENCE	Music	Technology	Visual Art	Languages	
Commitment to learning	For each subject write C, U, S or R for: Consistently, Usually, Sometimes or Rarely									
Respects themselves, others and the community										
Acts responsibly and cooperatively in class										
Participates productively in learning										
Completes all coursework (classwork, homework and assessment tasks)										

3. Using the 'Commitment to Learning' table, total the number of 'Consistently', 'Usually', 'Sometimes', and 'Rarely' that you received. Is this reflective of your effort?

Total number from your student profile chart			
Consistently	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely

Assessment illness/misadventure form

This form must be submitted to the appropriate Head Teacher **on the day you return to school** (emailed is acceptable). Please attach any supporting documentation. **Also available on the school website and in hard copy.**

Student name: _____ Year: _____

Class Teacher: _____ Subject: _____

Title of task: _____

Original due date of task: _____

Applications may be in respect of (please select one option):

(A) **illness or injury** – that is, illness or physical injuries suffered directly by the student which allegedly affected the student's performance in an assessment (e.g., influenza, an asthma attack, a cut hand).

OR

(B) **misadventure** – that is, any other event beyond the student's control which allegedly affected the student's performance in an assessment (e.g., death of a friend or family member, involvement in a traffic accident, isolation caused by a flood).

Unacceptable grounds for appeal

The application process does **not** cover:

- attendance at a sporting or cultural event, or family holiday
- alleged inadequacies of teaching or long-term matters relating to loss of preparation time, loss of study time or facilities.
- disabilities for which the school has already granted disability provisions, unless an unforeseen episode occurs during the assessment period (e.g., a hypoglycaemic event suffered by a diabetic student or a student who has been isolated but is still ill) or further difficulties occur, the authenticity of which is supported by the Principal.

Note: A student who has suffered an injury such as a broken writing arm immediately before an assessment (e.g., test) will require careful consideration as the student generally will not have had sufficient time to practise with the provision(s) granted.

- long-term illness such as glandular fever, asthma, epilepsy – unless the student suffered a 'flare-up' of the condition immediately before or during an assessment period
- matters avoidable by the student (e.g., misreading of timetable; misinterpretation of examination paper).

Parent/caregiver signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

This application process is as per NESA expectations and standards. This form, once completed, will be placed in the student's central file.

Head Teacher Use Only:

Supporting evidence (attached): Yes No

Special consideration accepted: Yes No

Action taken: _____

Head Teacher signature: _____ Date: _____

Assessment planning calendar Term 1 2022

Week	Due this week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 7 Feb						
Week 4 14 Feb						
Week 5 21 Feb						
Week 6 28 Feb						
Week 7 7 Mar						
Week 8 14 Mar						
Week 9 21 Mar						
Week 10 28 Mar						
Week 11 4 Apr						

Assessment planning calendar Term 2 2022

Week	Due this week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 25 Apr						
Week 2 2 May						
Week 3 9 May	NAPLAN (Years 7 & 9)		NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	
Week 4 16 May						
Week 5 23 May						
Week 6 30 May						
Week 7 6 Jun						
Week 8 13 Jun						
Week 9 20 Jun						
Week 10 27 Jun						

Assessment planning calendar Term 3 2022

Week	Due this week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 18 Jul						
Week 2 25 Jul						
Week 3 1 Aug						
Week 4 8 Aug						
Week 5 15 Aug						
Week 6 22 Aug						
Week 7 29 Aug						
Week 8 5 Sep						
Week 9 12 Sep						
Week 10 19 Sep						

Assessment planning calendar Term 4 2022

Week	Due this week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 10 Oct						
Week 2 17 Oct						
Week 3 24 Oct						
Week 4 31 Oct						
Week 5 7 Nov						
Week 6 14 Nov						
Week 7 21 Nov						
Week 8 28 Nov						
Week 9 5 Dec						

CHINESE
(LANGUAGES FACULTY)
HT contact: Mr David Springbett

COURSE OUTLINE

In Year 8, students will continue to learn basic vocabulary structures through exploring the topics of family, looking at addressing and describing family members. Students will then investigate nationalities, daily routines, sports and hobbies, whilst building on their vocabulary. The students will finish the year by immersing themselves in the culture and etiquette of Chinese food and drinks, expanding their vocabulary of colours and finally, describing simple body parts in Chinese. For students with a Chinese background, the study of Chinese consolidates and reinforces language skills needed to maintain links with the Chinese-speaking community. It provides them with opportunities to experience and deepen their understanding of the traditions of the country of their heritage.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Date
1	Getting to know you	Students create a role-play as cyber friends and meeting up on Zoom. They greet each other and ask his/her name, nationality, hometown and where he/she lives and studies, and then say good-bye.	20%	LCH4-1C LCH4-5U LCH4-7U	Term 1 Week 9
2	Happy birthday to you!	Students create a birthday card with Chinese and English wishes for a person they choose. Students also need to write an introduction for the recipient of the birthday card.	25%	LCH4-4C LCH4-6U LCH4-9U	Term 2 Week 9
3	My busy schedule	Students create a vlog in Chinese showing a day in school for Chinese students who are considering studying in Australia.	25%	LCH4-5U LCH4-7U	Term 3 Week 9
4	Yearly examination	Students will be tested on concepts from all terms and topics. The tasks include listening and responding, reading and responding, and writing.	30%	LCH4-2C LCH4-3C LCH4-7U	Term 4 Week 3

NESA NSW Chinese K-10 syllabus - stage 4 outcomes:

Outcomes	Description
LCH4-1C	uses Chinese to interact with others to exchange information, ideas and opinions, and make plans
LCH4-2C	identifies main ideas in, and obtains information from texts
LCH4-3C	organises and responds to information and ideas in texts for different audiences
LCH4-4C	applies a range of linguistic structures to compose texts in Chinese, using a range of formats for different audiences
LCH4-5U	applies Chinese pronunciation and intonation patterns
LCH4-6U	demonstrates understanding of key aspects of Chinese writing conventions
LCH4-7U	applies features of Chinese grammatical structures and sentence patterns to convey information and ideas
LCH4-8U	identifies variations in linguistic and structural features of texts

ENGLISH
(ENGLISH FACULTY)
HT contact: Ms Stephanie Ward

COURSE OUTLINE:

By the end of Stage 4 students respond to a variety of texts critically, imaginatively and interpretively and compose accurate, clear and coherent texts. Students develop their ability to respond in the form of a critical essay and demonstrate understanding of how composers use language to develop messages across a range of texts.

A balance between explicit teaching and learning of literacy and student led approaches help to develop critical and creative thinking skills and skills in collaboration.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Date
1	Listening Test Song Lyrics & Slam Poetry	In class – students listen to a poem and a song and respond to a series of questions under exam conditions.	30%	EN4-1A, EN4-3B, EN4-4B, EN4-5C,	Term 1 Week 10
2	Speaking Visual Literacy	In class – students create an additional page for a picture book and present their work demonstrating their visual literacy skills.	30%	EN4-1A, EN4-3B, EN4-4B, EN4-5C, EN4-9E	Term 2 Week 8
3	Critical Essay	In class – students write a critical essay showing their understanding of how the composer has developed themes in their studied novel	40%	EN4-1A, EN4-3B, EN4- 4B, EN4-5C, EN4-7D	Term 3 Week 9

OUTCOMES ASSESSED

NSW English Syllabus for the Australian curriculum. Stage 4 outcomes.

Outcome	Description
EN4-1A	responds to and composes texts for understanding, interpretation, critical analysis, imaginative expression and pleasure
EN4-2A	effectively uses a widening range of processes, skills, strategies and knowledge for responding to and composing texts in different media and technologies
EN4-3B	uses and describes language forms, features and structures of texts appropriate to a range of purposes, audiences and contexts
EN4-4B	makes effective language choices to creatively shape meaning with accuracy, clarity and coherence
EN4-5C	thinks imaginatively, creatively, interpretively and critically about information, ideas and arguments to respond to and compose texts
EN4-6C	identifies and explains connections between and among texts
EN4-7D	demonstrates understanding of how texts can express aspects of their broadening world and their relationships within it
EN4-8D	identifies, considers and appreciates cultural expression in texts
EN4-9E	uses, reflects on and assesses their individual and collaborative skills for learning

FRENCH
(LANGUAGES FACULTY)
HT contact: Mr David Springbett

COURSE OUTLINE:

The study of languages provides opportunities for students to become more accepting of diversity, more respectful of others and more aware of their place in the international community. French, English and other European languages share a common linguistic link with Latin. Through the study of French, students will experience and appreciate the richness and diversity of the art, cuisine, literature, film and music of French-speaking communities. Students will learn to tell the time, read telephone numbers, and say the date. They will read and write short texts about families before moving on to describing their friends. Students will then talk about pets to build on their acquired knowledge of French grammatical structures and apply these same rules to new vocabulary, thus reinforcing their understanding.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Date
1	Who's important in my life?	Students will create a photobook to take with them on the exchange program, introducing 4 important people in their life.	30%	LFR4-4C LFR4-6U	Term 1 Week 9
2	Love my school	Students will create a bilingual webpage in French and English to promote their school	25%	LFR4-4C LFR4-5U	Term 2 Week 9
3	People, places and history	Students write a post card from a French speaking country covering the people, places and history of the country.	25%	LFR4-3C LFR4-8U	Term 3 Week 9
4	Yearly exam	Listening and reading comprehension exam	20%	LFR4-2C LFR4-3C	Term 4 Week 2

NESA NSW French K-10 syllabus - stage 4 outcomes:

Outcome	Description
LFR4-1C	uses French to interact with others to exchange information, ideas and opinions, and make plans
LFR4-2C	identifies main ideas in, and obtains information from texts
LFR4-3C	organises and responds to information and ideas in texts for different audiences
LFR4-4C	applies a range of linguistic structures to compose texts in French, using a range of formats for different audiences
LFR4-5U	applies French pronunciation and intonation patterns
LFR4-6U	demonstrates understanding of key aspects of French writing conventions
LFR4-7U	applies features of French grammatical structures and sentence patterns to convey information and ideas
LFR4-8U	identifies variations in linguistic and structural features of texts

**GEOGRAPHY
(HSIE FACULTY)
HT contact: Ms Lisa Hartemink**

COURSE OUTLINE:

In term 1, students examine water as a resource and the factors influencing water flows and availability of water resources in different places. They investigate the nature of water scarcity and assess ways of overcoming it. Students discuss variations in people's perceptions about the value of water and the need for sustainable water management. Students also investigate processes that continue to shape the environment including an atmospheric or hydrologic hazard.

In term 2, students investigate the connections people have to places across a range of scales. They examine what shapes people's perceptions of places and how this influences their connections to places. Students explore how transport, information and communication technologies and trade link people to many places. They explain the effects of human activities, such as production, recreation and travel, on places and environments in Australia and across the world and investigate sustainability initiatives and possible futures for these places.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Due Date
1	Skills and Content Test	Students will complete a test on the skills and content covered in the Water in the World topic	50% GK 20% GS 20% GC 10%	GE4-1 GE4-2 GE4-7 GE4-8	Term 1 Week 11
2	Group Presentation	Students will work in groups to research and produce a presentation about interconnections	50% GK 20% GS 10% GC 20%	GE4-3 GE4-4 GE4-5 GE4-7 GE4-8	Term 2 Week 6

COURSE OUTCOMES

BOSTE NSW Geography Years K-10 Syllabus. Stage 4 outcomes.

Outcome	Description
GE4-1	Locates and describes the diverse features and characteristics of a range of places and environments
GE4-2	Describes processes and influences that form and transform places and environments
GE4-3	Explains how interactions and connections between people, places and environments result in change
GE4-4	Examines perspectives of people and organisations on a range of geographical issues
GE4-5	Discusses management of places and environments for their sustainability
GE4-6	Explains differences in human wellbeing
GE4-7	Acquires and processes geographical information by selecting and using a variety of geographical tools for inquiry
GE4-8	Communicates geographical information using a variety of strategies

HISTORY
(HSIE FACULTY)
HT contact: Ms Lisa Hartemink

COURSE OUTLINE:

In term 3, students study the fall of the Roman Empire and the development of medieval and early modern societies. Students investigate the rise and consolidation of the Vikings. Students analyse a range of sources when studying the social and political features of Viking society. Students also investigate the impacts of Europeans on the peoples of the New World.

In term 4, students investigate the impacts of the Spanish conquest of the Americas, focusing on the Aztec Empire. Students study medieval Japanese history and the evolution of Japanese life and culture under the Shoguns.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Due Date
1	Cultural Report	Students will complete a research report on Viking culture	45% HK 20% HS 10% HC 15%	HT4-3 HT4-4 HT4-6 HT4-8 HT4-9 HT4-10	Term 3 Week 8
2	Museum Exhibit	Students will develop a museum exhibit based on the Spanish Conquest of the Americas topic	55% HK 20% HS 20% HC 15%	HT4-5 HT4-6 HT4-7 HT4-9	Term 4 Week 3

COURSE OUTCOMES

NSW History Syllabus for the Australian curriculum. Stage 4 outcomes.

Outcome	Description
HT4-1	Describes the nature of history and archaeology and explains their contribution to an understanding of the past
HT4-2	Describes major periods of historical time and sequences events, people and societies from the past
HT4-3	Describes and assesses the motives and actions of past individuals and groups in the context of past societies
HT4-4	Describes and explains the causes and effects of events and developments of past societies over time
HT4-5	Identifies the meaning, purpose and context of historical sources
HT4-6	Uses evidence from sources to support historical narratives and explanations
HT4-7	Identifies and describes different contexts, perspectives and interpretations of the past
HT4-8	Locates, selects and organises information from sources to develop an historical inquiry
HT4-9	Uses a range of historical terms and concepts when communicating an understanding of the past
HT4-10	Selects and uses appropriate oral, written, visual and digital forms to communicate about the past

MATHEMATICS
(Mathematics faculty)
HT contact: Mr Mahmut Yanar

COURSE OUTLINE:

The aim of this course is for students to be confident, creative users and communicators of mathematics, able to investigate, represent and interpret situations in their personal and work lives and as active citizens. In class, students will solve problems in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. Teachers will highlight the connections between the areas of mathematics and other disciplines in order to foster students' appreciation of mathematics as an accessible, enjoyable discipline to study, and an important aspect of lifelong learning.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Date
1	Topic Test	Topic Test linked to outcomes to be assessed	25%	MA4-16MG MA4-6NA MA4-8NA MA4-12MG MA4-10NA MA4-11NA	Term 1 Week 8
2	Half Yearly Examination	Examination based on topics studied during term 1	25%	MA4-5NA MA4-6NA MA4-8NA MA4-9NA MA4-1WM	Term 2 Week 3
3	Semester 2 Assessment	Application of mathematics theory in real life situations	20%	MA4-13MG MA4-14MG MA4-18MG MA4-19SP MA4-2WM	Term 3 Week 3
4	Yearly Examination	Examination based on topics studied during term 3	30%	MA4-3WM MA4-10NA MA4-11NA MA4-17MG	Term 4 Week 2

OUTCOMES ASSESSED NSW Mathematics Syllabus for the Australian curriculum. Stage 4 outcomes.

Outcome	Description
MA4-1WM	communicates and connects mathematical ideas using appropriate terminology, diagrams & symbols
MA4-2WM	applies appropriate mathematical techniques to solve problems
MA4-3WM	recognises and explains mathematical relationships using reasoning
MA4-4NA	compares, orders and calculates with integers, applying a range of strategies to aid computation
MA4-5NA	operates with fractions, decimals and percentages
MA4-6NA	solves financial problems involving purchasing goods
MA4-7NA	operates with ratios and rates, and explores their graphical representation
MA4-8NA	generalises number properties to operate with algebraic expressions
MA4-9NA	operates with positive-integer and zero indices of numerical bases
MA4-10NA	uses algebraic techniques to solve simple linear and quadratic equations
MA4-11NA	creates and displays number patterns; graphs and analyses linear relationships; and performs transformations on the Cartesian plane
MA4-12MG	calculates the perimeters of plane shapes and the circumferences of circles
MA4-13MG	uses formulas to calculate the areas of quadrilaterals and circles, and converts between units of area
MA4-14MG	uses formulas to calculate the volumes of prisms and cylinders, and converts units
MA4-15MG	performs calculations of time that involve mixed units, and interprets time zones
MA4-16MG	applies Pythagoras' theorem to calculate side lengths in right-angled triangles, and solves related problems
MA4-17MG	classifies, describes and uses the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals, and determines congruent triangles to find unknown side lengths and angles
MA4-18MG	identifies and uses angle relationships, including those related to transversals on sets of parallel lines
MA4-19SP	collects, represents, interprets single sets of data, using appropriate statistical displays
MA4-20SP	analyses single sets of data using measures of location, and range
MA4-21SP	represents probabilities of simple and compound events

MUSIC
(CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY)
HT Contact: Mr James Raxworthy

COURSE OUTLINE:

Students will study the concepts of Music through the learning experience of performing, composing and listening. Students will learn this within the topics of: Music of another Culture, Jazz and the Blues, The History of Rock.

Students extend their learning about music in the selected topics through

- *Performing* as a means of self-expression, interpreting musical symbols and developing solo and/or ensemble techniques using keyboards, voice and guitars.
- *Composing* as a means of self-expression, musical creation and problem solving
- *Listening* as a means of extending aural awareness and communicating ideas about music in social, cultural and historical contexts.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Semesterised	Stretched
1	Performance	Paso Doble guitar and keyboard skills	35%	4.2, 4.3	S1 Term 1 Week 5	Term 1 Week 6
					S2 Term 3 Week 4	
2	Listening and Performance	Music of a Culture assignment	35%	4.1, 4.7, 4.12	S1 Term 1 Week 10	Term 2 Week 2
					S2 Term 3 Week 9	
3	Composition	12 bar blues Soundtrap composition	30%	4.4, 4.6	S1 Term 2 Week 3	Term 3 Week 6
					S2 Term 4 Week 3	

OUTCOMES ASSESSED

Outcome	Description
4.1	performs in a range of musical styles demonstrating an understanding of musical concepts
4.2	performs music using different forms of notation and different types of technology across a broad range of musical styles
4.3	performs music demonstrating solo and/or ensemble awareness
4.4	demonstrates an understanding of musical concepts through exploring, experimenting, improvising, organising, arranging and composing
4.6	experiments with different forms of technology in the composition process
4.7	demonstrates an understanding of musical concepts through listening, observing, responding, discriminating, analysing, discussing and recording musical ideas
4.12	demonstrates a developing confidence and willingness to engage in performing, composing and listening experiences

PDHPE
(PDHPE FACULTY)
HT contact: Mr Angus Glynne

COURSE OUTLINE:

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) develops the knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes important for students to take positive action to protect and enhance their own and others' health, safety and wellbeing in varied and changing contexts. Physical education is fundamental to the acquisition of movement skills and concepts to enable students to participate in a range of physical activities – confidently, competently and creatively.

The study of PDHPE provides students with the opportunity to enhance and develop resilience and connectedness and learn to interact respectfully with others. Through PDHPE students develop the skills to research, apply, appraise and critically analyse health and movement concepts in order to maintain and improve their health, safety, wellbeing and participation in physical activity. Students are provided with opportunities to learn to critique and challenge assumptions, attitudes, behaviours and stereotypes and evaluate a range of health-related sources, services and organisations. They develop a commitment to the qualities and characteristics that promote and develop empathy, resilience, respectful relationships, inclusivity and social justice. Students practice, develop and refine the physical, cognitive, social and emotional skills that are important for engaging in movement and leading a healthy, safe and physically active life.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Due Date
1	Integrated	Live and Prosper - Create a game using multimedia and in class response	40%	PD4-4, PD4-6, PD4-8	Term 1 Week 10
2	Physical literacy and movement	Invasion Games – Physical Literacy peer assessment	30%	PD4-4, PD4-5, PD4-11	Term 3 Week 5
4	Research analysis	In Harmony - Critical thinking analysis applying the values of equality, respect and inclusion	30%	PD4-2, PD4-3, PD4-10	Term 3 Week 8

OUTCOMES ASSESSED NSW Education Standards Authority PDHPE K-10 Syllabus (2018) Stage 4 outcomes.

Outcome	Description
PD4.1	Examines and evaluates strategies to manage current and future challenges.
PD4.2	Examines and demonstrates the role help-seeking strategies and behaviours play in supporting themselves and others.
PD4.3	Investigates effective strategies to promote inclusivity, equality and respectful relationships.
PD4.4	Refines, applies and transfers movement skills in a variety of dynamic physical activity contexts.
PD4.5	Transfers and adapts solutions to complex movement challenges.
PD4.6	Recognises how contextual factors influence attitudes and behaviours and proposes strategies to enhance health, safety, wellbeing and participation in physical activity.
PD4.7	Investigates health practices, behaviours and resources to promote health, safety, wellbeing and physically active communities.
PD4.8	Plans for and participates in activities that encourage health and a lifetime of physical activity.
PD4.9	Demonstrates self-management skills to effectively manage complex situations.
PD4.10	Applies and refines interpersonal skills to assist themselves and others to interact respectfully and promote inclusion in a variety of groups or contexts.
PD4.11	Demonstrates how movement skills and concepts can be adapted and transferred to enhance and perform movement sequences.

SCIENCE
(SCIENCE FACULTY)
HT contact: Mr Will Murton (Relieving)

COURSE OUTLINE:

The aim of the Year 8 science program is to develop students:

- interest in and enthusiasm for science, as well as an appreciation of its role in finding solutions to contemporary science related problems and issues.
- knowledge, understanding of and skills in applying the processes of Working Scientifically
- knowledge of the Physical World, Earth and Space, Living World and Chemical World, and understanding about the nature, development, use and influence of science.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Due Date
1	Depth Study	Independent research and investigation project on the topic 'Cells and Body Systems'	35%	SC4-4WS, SC4-5WS, SC4-6WS, SC4-7WS, SC4-8WS, SC4-14LW	Term 1 Week 9
2	Practical Test	Practical test on the topic 'Matter'	30%	SC4-5WS, SC4-6WS, SC4-7WS, SC4-8WS	Term 2 Week 7
3	Yearly Exam	Exam covering knowledge and skills	35%	SC4-14LW, SC4-7CW, SC4-7WS, SC4-8WS, SC4-12ES	Term 4 Week 2

OUTCOMES ASSESSED

NSW Science Syllabus for the Australian curriculum. Stage 4 outcomes.

Outcome	Description
4WS	identifies questions and problems that can be tested or researched and makes predictions based on scientific knowledge
5WS	collaboratively and individually produces a plan to investigate questions and problems
6WS	follows a sequence of instructions to safely undertake a range of investigation types, collaboratively and individually
7WS	processes and analyses data from a first-hand investigation and secondary sources to identify trends, patterns and relationships, and draw conclusions
8WS	selects and uses appropriate strategies, understanding and skills to produce creative and plausible solutions to identified problems
9WS	presents science ideas, findings and information to a given audience using appropriate scientific language, text types and representations
10PW	describes the action of unbalanced forces in everyday situations
11PW	discusses how scientific understanding and technological developments have contributed to finding solutions to problems involving energy transfers and transformations
12ES	describes the dynamic nature of models, theories and laws in developing scientific understanding of the Earth and solar system
13ES	explains how advances in scientific understanding of processes that occur within and on the Earth, influence the choices people make about resource use and management
14LW	relates the structure & function of living things to their classification, survival & reproduction
15LW	explains how new biological evidence changes people's understanding of the world
16CW	describes the observed properties and behaviour of matter, using scientific models and theories about the motion and arrangement of particles
17CW	explains how scientific understanding of, and discoveries about, the properties of elements, compounds and mixtures relate to their uses in everyday life

**TECHNOLOGY and APPLIED STUDIES (Mandatory)
(TAS FACULTY)**

HT contact: Ms Trish Johnson

COURSE OUTLINE:

During the year students will be engaged in the Material Technologies (**MT**) and Agriculture and Food Technologies (**AFT**) units. In **MT**, students will learn about working in large teams to design and make prototypes of innovative new products from a range of materials which will then be 'Kickstarted' by the school community. In **AFT**, students will develop a presentation to the community about where our food comes from and include recipes, they have designed and trialled, that improve the sustainable and ethical production and consumption of food.

**** Fully enclosed black leather school shoes must be worn for practical lessons**

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Date
1	Skills and Content Quiz	Quizzes in class relating to skills and content related to unit studied	25%	TE4-1DP, TE4-5AG, TE4-6FO, TE4-9MA	Term 1 Week 11
2	Report Task	Evaluation Report (AFT) or Business Proposal Report (MT)	25%	TE4-1DP, TE4-2DP, TE4-3DP, TE4-5AG, TE4-6FO, TE4-9MA, TE4-10TS	Term 2 Week 2
3	Skills and Content Quiz	Quizzes in class relating to skills and content related to unit studied	25%	TE4-1DP, TE4-5AG, TE4-6FO, TE4-9MA	Term 3 Week 8
4	Report Task	Evaluation Report (AFT) or Business Proposal Report (MT)	25%	TE4-1DP, TE4-2DP, TE4-3DP, TE4-5AG, TE4-6FO, TE4-9MA, TE4-10TS	Term 3 Week 10

OUTCOMES ASSESSED

Outcome	Description
TE4-1DP	A student designs, evaluates and communicates innovative ideas and creative solutions to authentic problems or opportunities
TE4-2DP	A student plans, manages and evaluates the production of designed solutions
TE4-3DP	A student selects and safely applies a broad range of tools, materials and processes in the development of quality projects
TE4-5AG	A student explains how food and fibre are produced in managed environments
TE4-6FO	A student examines how the characteristics and properties of food determine preparation techniques for healthy eating
TE4-9MA	A student examines how the characteristics and properties of tools, materials and processes determine their use in designed solutions
TE4-10TS	A student examines how people in technology related professions contribute to the sustainable and ethical use of technology in the economy, environment and society

VISUAL ARTS
(CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS FACULTY)
HT Contact: Mr James Raxworthy

COURSE OUTLINE:

Students will develop their learning about visual arts through critical and historical study as well as making artworks. They will study artworks using the frames, structural, subjective, cultural and postmodern and the conceptual framework.

Students are required to document their art making and art study in their visual arts process diary. Extend their learning about visual arts through critical and historical study as well as making artworks.

Course assessment:

- Students are assessed throughout the year.
- Each term students submit their art making tasks and visual arts process diary for assessment.
- Each semester students are to complete an assignment.

SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Task No.	Task	Description	Weighting	Outcomes to be Assessed	Date Semesterised	Date Stretched
1	Phantasmagoria Research task	Written tasks that support learning and understanding of the structural and subjective frames.	35%	4.9	S1: Term 1 Week 6 S2: Term 3 Week 6	Term 2 Week 4
2	Phantasmagoria Art making task	Practical tasks that support learning and understanding of the artworks based on imagination and fantasy.	30%	4.3, 4.6	S1: Term 1 Week 9 S2: Term 3 Week 9	Term 3 Week 2
3	Response to the Environment	Series of practical tasks that support learning and understanding of the environment.	35%	4.5	S1: Term 2 Week 4 S2: Term 4 Week 4	Term 4 Week 2

OUTCOMES ASSESSED

Task no.	Outcome	Description
Task 2 Making	4.3	makes artworks that involve some understanding of the frames
Task 3 Making	4.5	investigates ways to develop meaning in their artworks
Task 2 Making	4.6	selects different materials and techniques to make artworks
Task 1 Studying	4.9	begins to acknowledge that art can be interpreted from different points of view



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