

IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS

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A **minimum standard** of literacy and numeracy is required for your child to receive their Higher School Certificate (HSC).

PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS



Meeting the HSC minimum standard will mean that your child has the literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for success in learning and life after school.

We want to make sure **all students** are ready for life after school. This is why the HSC minimum standard is mapped to Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework, a nationally agreed level of functional literacy and numeracy.

It means your child can do things like:

Find the time and date of a music concert on a ticket website

Calculate the quantity of paint required to paint a room

Estimate distance, travel time and costs for a transport route

Take notes from a lecture or training session

Create a personal weekly budget in a spreadsheet

Write a job application letter

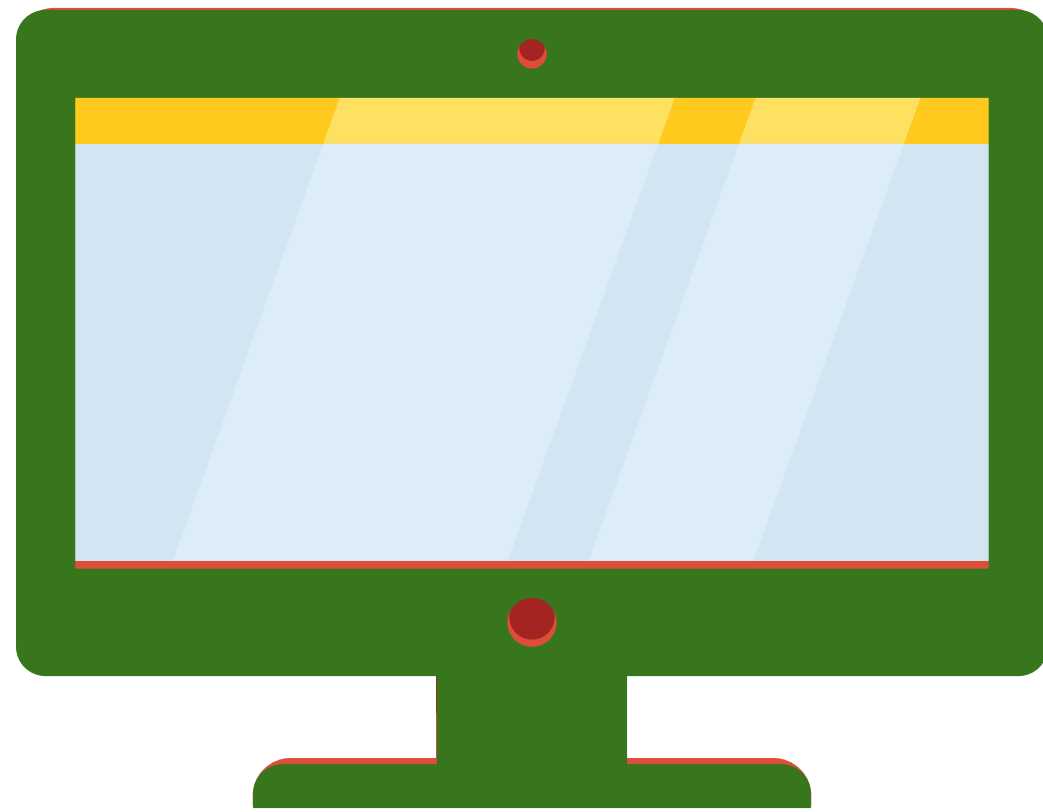
Measure quantities to follow a recipe

Follow safety instructions in an equipment manual

Enter data in a computer-based management system

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD

Your child will show that they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of **basic reading, writing and numeracy skills** needed for everyday tasks.



Your child can take the tests at school up to twice a year in:

- ✓ Year 10
- ✓ Year 11
- ✓ Year 12
- ✓ and for a few years after Year 12.

Sample test questions and other resources are available on the NESA website.

YEAR 9 NAPLAN: AN EARLY CHANCE TO MEET THE STANDARD

Your child has an opportunity to show they meet the minimum standard **three years early** by getting Band 8s or better in NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year. This means that they won't have to take the corresponding online tests from next year.

It is important for you to know that your child will not be prevented from achieving their HSC due to their Year 9 NAPLAN results.



Students master basic skills at different stages so there are **multiple opportunities** available to pass the minimum standard tests, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

Your child's school will provide support for them to meet the standard to get the HSC.

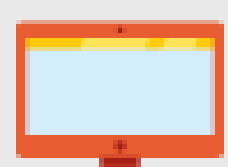
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Contact your school principal for more detailed information about the HSC minimum standard, or visit the NESA website:

educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

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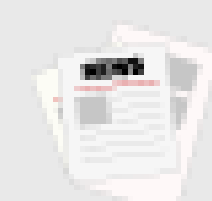
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