

# HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

## ADVICE FOR 2017 YEAR 9 STUDENTS

March 2017

**From 2020, you are required to achieve a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive your HSC.**



### PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS

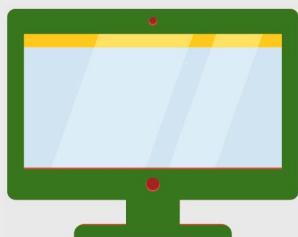


Achieving the standard shows you, your parents and any future education and training providers and employers that you can do things like:

- ✓ follow instructions in equipment manuals
- ✓ write a job application
- ✓ calculate the quantity of materials to build a fence and prepare an invoice.

### MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD

A pass mark in new online reading, writing and numeracy tests will prove you have achieved the standard.



The tests will take place at your school and you can take them up to twice a year in:

- ✓ Year 10
- ✓ Year 11
- ✓ Year 12
- ✓ If you need to, you can even take them for up to five years after you start your first HSC course.

The tests will be available from next year when you are in Year 10.

Visit the demonstration site to see sample test questions:  
<https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au>

## YEAR 9 NAPLAN: A CHANCE TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE STANDARD

- ✓ By achieving Band 8 or above in your Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year, you can prequalify for the standard. This means that you won't have to take the online tests.
- ✓ **It is important you know that you can still receive the HSC if you don't achieve Band 8 in your Year 9 NAPLAN tests.**
- ✓ Your literacy and numeracy skills will continue to develop, and with support from your school, you will achieve the standard either by the end of Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.



### MORE INFORMATION

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

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