






# 2020 HSC

## What's changed for students?

Established early this year, the NESA COVID-19 Response Committee is carefully considering and making any changes needed to keep the 2020 HSC fair and everyone involved safe. The Committee includes representatives from the government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

-  NESA and schools are following the advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, which is also supported by NSW Health.
-  Your school has the authority to determine the number, type and weighting of **formal school-based assessment** tasks.
-  The **written exams** start on Tuesday 20 October, and the timetable is now available.
-  You will get your **results** on Friday 18 December, by SMS, email and online.
-  An overview of specific changes to the 2020 HSC is available over the page. If you are impacted by the changes, talk to your teacher or visit the NESA website for more information, including about how your final mark will be calculated.

## WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT SOME PRACTICAL AND LANGUAGES ORAL EXAMS?

- **Design and Technology:** Major Design Project – now due on 10 September.
- **English Extension 2:** Major Work Multimedia-Short Film – students to submit documentation instead of the final film.
- **Industrial Technology:** Major Project (Product) – now due on 27 August.
- **Textiles and Design:** Major Textiles Project (Product) – now due on 31 August.
- The **languages oral** exams start on 15 August and an updated timetable is now available.

## WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THE CREATIVE ARTS PERFORMANCE AND PRACTICAL EXAMS?

- **Dance:** Core composition – students must dance their own choreography.
- **Drama:** Individual Project - Critical Analysis (Portfolio of Theatre Criticism) – students may use filmed theatre performances.
- **Drama:** Individual Project (Video Drama) students to submit documentation and up to 2 minutes of edited footage, instead of the final film.
- **Music** - students can only perform solo, with pre-recorded accompaniment or with a single live accompanist.
- **Visual Arts:** Body of Work – now due on 14 September.



## OTHER CHANGES

If you are doing a **VET subject** and are unable to complete the work placement, you will still be eligible to receive the credit units for the HSC.

If you are applying for **disability provisions**, you have more time to provide evidence to support the application.

If you are yet to meet the **HSC minimum standard** you can attempt each test up to six times in 2020. You can also take the tests once you have left school.