

2018 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Thursday 18 October to Friday 9 November

Important information about your written examinations timetable

This document provides important information about your written HSC examinations. NESAs has already distributed details about oral examinations for languages, performance examinations and submitted works to schools. Find out more at educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables.

Your personal examination timetable

Your personal examination timetable is available from studentonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au. This timetable lists your written examinations and where you will sit for them (usually at your school). It also lists any other examinations you are entered for, including oral examinations for languages, performance examinations and submitted works. Details of your performance examinations or projects such as title of work or category (supplied by your school) are also available via *Students Online*. If you are undertaking oral or performance examinations, we will post the time and venue on *Students Online* later this year. If there are errors or omissions in the examinations you are entered for, contact your school immediately to supply us with the correct information. Take special care if you are entered for a VET course that has an HSC examination. If the examination does not appear on your personal timetable, you have not been entered for it. You must be entered separately for the examination if you expect to sit for it.

Preparing for your exams

When preparing for your exams, find out what to expect in the exam room and the exam paper, including where to write your answers. For each course you are studying, know the rules and requirements, and what to expect in each exam.

Information about the HSC examinations

Make sure you have read and understand the *2018 Higher School Certificate Rules and Procedures* guide. You should have received a guide from your school and can also access it here: educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/hsc/rules-procedures-guide-students.

There are serious consequences for:

- cheating in an examination
- disobeying NESAs's rules for examination conduct
- not making a serious attempt across a range of questions in each examination.

Any of these offences may result in reduced marks, course cancellation or loss of your HSC.

The timetable's examination starting time is when reading time begins. Arrive at your examination venue well before the time specified. Further information about your HSC examinations is available on *Students Online*.

Disability provisions

If you have a disability that affects reading examination questions or responding to them under examination conditions, your school can submit an application for provisions to help you. If you have not already done so, speak to your school if you think this applies to you.

HSC exam equipment list

You should write in black pen. Make sure you bring spare pens to each examination. You may also bring a ruler, highlighters, pencils (at least 2B), a sharpener and a bottle of water in a clear bottle. Watches are permitted, but once you sit down in the examination room you must remove your watch and place it in clear view on your desk. Programmable watches, including smart watches, are NOT allowed in examination rooms.

The following list shows examinations that require specific equipment. Optional items listed can be used in exams but are not essential.

All equipment is subject to inspection on entry. Ensure any allowed equipment, such as a calculator, is in good working order because an appeal under misadventure provisions for equipment failure will not be upheld.

What you cannot bring into your examination room

- ✗ A mobile phone. Mobile phones are not permitted in an examination room under any circumstances.
- ✗ A programmable watch such as a smart watch.
- ✗ Any electronic device (except a calculator where permitted). This includes mobile phones or other communication devices, organisers, tablets/iPads, music players or electronic dictionaries.
- ✗ Paper or any printed or written material (including your examination timetable).
- ✗ Dictionaries, except where permitted in language examinations.
- ✗ Correction fluid.

You are *not* allowed to borrow equipment during examinations.

Equipment for specific HSC exams

This list details specific equipment that students are expected to bring for particular examinations. Only those examinations that require specific equipment are listed. For a list of NESA-approved calculators, please visit educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/hsc/rules-and-processes/approved-calculators.

Agriculture

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Automotive (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Biology

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Business Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Business Studies

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Chemistry

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Construction (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Earth and Environmental Science

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ set squares

Economics

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Electrotechnology (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Engineering Studies

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ set squares
- ✓ (optional) circle templates including isometric/ellipse

Entertainment Industry (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Financial Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Geography

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of dividers
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ coloured pencils and/or coloured felt pens
- ✓ (optional) a handheld magnifying glass
- ✓ (optional) a piece of string or thread for measuring

Hospitality (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Human Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Industrial Technology

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ set squares

Information and Digital Technology (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Information Processes and Technology

Calculators are NOT permitted.

Latin

- ✓ Unannotated print dictionaries are permitted for Latin Continuers and Latin Extension

Mathematics General 2, Mathematics, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ set squares
- ✓ (optional) a curve drawing template¹

Metal and Engineering (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Modern Languages (Beginners, Continuers, Extension, [Languages] in Context, [Languages] and Literature)

- ✓ Any unannotated print dictionary

Physics

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ set squares

Primary Industries (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Retail Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Senior Science

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ pair of compasses
- ✓ protractor
- ✓ set squares

Software Design and Development

Calculators are NOT permitted.

Tourism, Travel and Events (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Note:

¹ Students may take into any HSC mathematics examination, templates for drawing curves and geometrical figures, measuring, constructing, etc. Such templates may contain equations of simple curves (eg $y = x^2$, $y = \sin x$, $y = \frac{1}{x}$) that can be drawn using the template, and decimal approximations (eg for pi, e), but no other printed formulae (eg sine rule, cosine rule, quadratic formulae, area and volume formulae). Acceptable templates include Mathomat, Mathomat Senior and (Non Formulae).

2018 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 1

	Monday 15 October	Tuesday 16 October	Wednesday 17 October	Thursday 18 October	Friday 19 October
	-	-	-	HSC Day 1	HSC Day 2
AM				English (Standard) and English (Advanced) Paper 1 10.20am–12.30pm English (ESL) Paper 1 10.20am–12.00 noon	English (Standard) Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am–11.30am English (Advanced) Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am–11.30am English (ESL) Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am–10.30am* English (ESL) Listening Paper 10.40am–11.10am
PM				Primary Industries (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm Japanese Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm Japanese Extension 2.00pm–4.00pm Japanese in Context 2.00pm–4.40pm Japanese and Literature 2.00pm–5.00pm	Music 1 Aural Skills 1.55pm–3.00pm* Music 2 Musicology and Aural Skills 3.25pm–5.00pm*

* Approximate finishing time

2018 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 2

	Monday 22 October	Tuesday 23 October	Wednesday 24 October	Thursday 25 October	Friday 26 October
	HSC Day 3	HSC Day 4	HSC Day 5	HSC Day 6	HSC Day 7
AM	Legal Studies 9.25am–12.30pm	Ancient History 9.25am–12.30pm	Biology 9.25am–12.30pm	Mathematics General 2 9.25am–12 noon	Senior Science 9.25am–12.30pm
	Arabic Continuers 9.30am–12.30pm	Financial Services (VET) 9.25am–11.30am	Classical Hebrew Continuers 9.25am–12.30pm		Chinese Extension 9.30am–11.30am
	Classical Hebrew Extension 9.30am–11.30am	Chinese in Context 9.30am–12.10pm			
PM	Latin Continuers 1.55pm–5.00pm	Agriculture 1.55pm–5.00pm	Construction (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm	Mathematics 1.55pm–5.00pm	Business Services (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm History Extension 1.55pm–4.00pm Metal and Engineering (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm Chinese and Literature 2.00pm–5.00pm German Extension 2.00pm–4.00pm
	Visual Arts Art Criticism and Art History 1.55pm–3.30pm	Classical Greek Continuers 1.55pm–5.00pm	Tourism, Travel and Events (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm	Mathematics Extension 2 1.55pm–5.00pm	
	Indonesian Extension 2.00pm–4.00pm	Armenian Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm	Arabic Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm		
	Indonesian in Context 2.00pm–4.40pm	Croatian Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm	Arabic Extension 2.00pm–4.00pm		
	Indonesian and Literature 2.00pm–5.00pm	Dutch Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm	Chinese Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm		
	Korean Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm	Filipino Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm	Chinese Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm		
		Hindi Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm	German Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm		
		Hungarian Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm	German Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm		
		Italian Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm	Indonesian Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm		
		Japanese Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm	Korean Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm		
		Khmer Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm	Malay Background Speakers [†] 2.00pm–5.00pm		
		Macedonian Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Maltese Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Modern Greek Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Persian Background Speakers [†] 2.00pm–5.00pm			
		Polish Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Portuguese Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Punjabi Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Russian Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Serbian Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Swedish Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Tamil Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Turkish Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			
		Ukrainian Continuers [†] 2.00pm–4.40pm			

[†] Collaborative Curriculum and Assessment Framework for Languages (CCAFL)

2018 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 3

	Monday 29 October	Tuesday 30 October	Wednesday 31 October	Thursday 1 November	Friday 2 November
	HSC Day 8	HSC Day 9	HSC Day 10	HSC Day 11	HSC Day 12
AM	Modern History 9.25am–12.30pm	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education 9.25am–12.30pm Classical Greek Extension 9.30am–11.30am	Earth and Environmental Science 9.25am–12.30pm Information Processes and Technology 9.25am–12.30pm Indonesian Beginners 9.30am–12.10pm Korean in Context 9.30am–12.10pm Korean and Literature 9.30am–12.30pm Latin Extension 9.30am–11.40am	Aboriginal Studies 9.25am–12.30pm Physics 9.25am–12.30pm Spanish Beginners 9.30am–12.10pm	Business Studies 9.25am–12.30pm
PM	Society and Culture 1.55pm–4.00pm French Extension 2.00pm–4.00pm	Mathematics Extension 1 1.55pm–4.00pm	English Extension 1 1.55pm–4.00pm Modern Greek Extension 2.00pm–4.00pm	Hospitality (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm <i>Kitchen Operations and Cookery</i> <i>Food and Beverage</i>	Software Design and Development 1.55pm–5.00pm Textiles and Design 1.55pm–3.30pm Modern Greek Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm Spanish Extension 2.00pm–4.00pm

2018 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 4

	Monday 5 November	Tuesday 6 November	Wednesday 7 November	Thursday 8 November	Friday 9 November
	HSC Day 13	HSC Day 14	HSC Day 15	HSC Day 16	HSC Day 17
AM	Automotive (VET) 9.25am–11.30am <i>Vehicle Body</i> <i>Mechanical Technology</i> Chemistry 9.25am–12.30pm	Studies of Religion I 9.25am–11.00am Studies of Religion II 9.25am–12.30pm Vietnamese Continuers 9.30am–12.30pm	Dance Section I Core Appreciation 9.25am–10.30am Dance Section II Major Study Appreciation 10.40am–12.00 noon Economics 9.25am–12.30pm Entertainment Industry (VET) 9.25am–11.30am Information and Digital Technology (VET) 9.25am–11.30am <i>Digital animation</i> <i>Networking and hardware</i> <i>Web and software applications</i>	Geography 9.25am–12.30pm Italian Beginners 9.30am–12.10pm	Design and Technology 9.25am–11.00am
PM	Community and Family Studies 1.55pm–5.00pm Electrotechnology (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm Modern Hebrew Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm	Engineering Studies 1.55pm–5.00pm Human Services (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm Retail Services (VET) 1.55pm–4.00pm Italian Extension 2.00pm–4.00pm	Food Technology 1.55pm–5.00pm French Beginners 2.00pm–4.40pm French Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm Spanish Continuers 2.00pm–5.00pm	Industrial Technology 1.55pm–3.30pm <i>Automotive Technologies</i> <i>Electronics Technologies</i> <i>Graphics Technologies</i> <i>Metal and Engineering Technologies</i> <i>Multimedia Technologies</i> <i>Timber and Furniture Technologies</i>	Drama 12.25pm–2.00pm