

2020 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAM TIMETABLE

Tuesday 20 October to Wednesday 11 November

Important information about your written exams timetable

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

Your personal exam timetable

Your personal exam timetable is available from studentsonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au. This timetable lists your written exams and where you will sit for them (usually at your school). It also lists any other exams you are entered for, including oral exams for languages, performance exams and submitted works. Details of your performance exams 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 exams, we will post the time and venue on *Students Online* later this year. If there are errors or omissions in the exams 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 exam. If the exam does not appear on your personal timetable, you have not been entered for it. You must be entered separately for the exam 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 exams

Make sure you have read and understand the *2020 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 exam
- disobeying NESA's rules for exam conduct
- not making a serious attempt across a range of questions in each exam.

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

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

Disability provisions

If you have a disability that affects reading exam questions or responding to them under exam 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.

Exam equipment list

You should write in black pen. Make sure you bring spare pens to each exam. You may also bring a ruler, highlighters, pencils (should be at least 2B) and a sharpener, and a bottle of water in a clear bottle. You can wear your watch to your exams, but once you sit down you will have to take it off and place it in clear view on your desk. Programmable watches, including smart watches, will not be allowed in the exam room.

The following list shows the exams for which you are to bring specific equipment as there may be some exam questions that require the use of this equipment. If an item is listed as optional, it means that there will be no exam questions for which the item is essential. But you may bring and use it if you wish.

All equipment you bring is subject to inspection on entry. Make sure any equipment you are allowed to bring, 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 exam room

- X** A mobile phone. Mobile phones are not permitted in an exam room under any circumstances
- X** A programmable watch, eg a smart watch
- X** Any electronic device (except a calculator where permitted). This includes mobile phones or other communication devices, organisers, tablets (eg iPads), music players or electronic dictionaries.
- X** Paper or any printed or written material. You can ask your presiding officer for working paper.
- X** Print dictionaries, except where permitted in language exams.
- X** Correction fluid.

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

Equipment for specific HSC exams

This list details specific equipment that students are expected to bring for particular exams. Only those exams that require specific equipment are

listed. View a list of NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)-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
- ✓ circle templates
- ✓ isometric/ellipse templates

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

Please note that calculators are NOT permitted.

Investigating Science

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Languages

✓ Unannotated monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries may be used in Latin exams, as well as all Beginners, Continuers, [Language] in Context, [Language] and Literature and Extension courses in modern languages. No dictionaries may be used in classical Greek or classical Hebrew exams. Digital dictionaries are not permitted.

Mathematics Standard 1, Mathematics Standard 2

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ ruler

Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ ruler

Metal and Engineering (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Physics

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

Primary Industries (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Retail Services (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

Science Extension

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator
- ✓ a desktop or laptop computer with the lockdown browser pre-installed
- ✓ headphones (wired) to listen to audio stimulus for questions
- ✓ a physical keyboard (wired or wireless)
- ✓ a pointing device such as a mouse for navigation

For more information, see Science Extension online exam
Your presiding officer can provide you with blank working paper.

Software Design and Development

Please note that calculators are NOT permitted.

Tourism, Travel and Events (VET)

- ✓ NESA-approved calculator

2020 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 1

	Monday 19 October	Tuesday 20 October	Wednesday 21 October	Thursday 22 October	Friday 23 October
	–	HSC Day 1	HSC Day 2	HSC Day 3	HSC Day 4
AM		English Advanced Paper 1 – Texts and Human Experiences 9.50am – 11.30am English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) Paper 1 – Module A and Focus on Writing 9.50am – 11.30am English Standard Paper 1 – Texts and Human Experiences 9.50am – 11.30am English Studies 9.50am – 12.30pm	English Advanced Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am – 11.30am English Standard Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am – 11.30am English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) Paper 2 – Module B and Module C 9.25am – 10.30am Listening Paper 10.40am – 11.10am*	Ancient History 9.25am – 12.30pm Classical Hebrew Continuers 9.25am – 12.30pm	Economics 9.25am – 12.30pm Investigating Science 9.25am – 12.30pm
PM		Primary Industries (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Arabic Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm Japanese and Literature 2.00pm – 5.00pm Japanese Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm Japanese in Context 2.00pm – 4.40pm Latin Extension 2.00pm – 4.10pm Armenian Continuers[†] 2.00pm – 4.40pm Croatian Continuers[†] 2.00pm – 4.40pm Dutch Continuers[†] 2.00pm – 4.40pm Filipino Continuers[†] 2.00pm – 4.40pm Hindi Continuers[†] 2.00pm – 4.40pm Hungarian Continuers[†] 2.00pm – 4.40pm Khmer Continuers[†] 2.00pm – 4.40pm Macedonian Continuers[†] 2.00pm – 4.40pm Maltese Continuers[†] 2.00pm – 4.40pm Persian Continuers[†] 2.00pm – 4.40pm 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	Music 1 Aural Skills 1.55pm – 3.00pm* Music 2 Musicology and Aural Skills 3.25pm – 5.00pm*	Business Services (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Construction (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Tourism, Travel and Events (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm German Beginners 2.00pm – 4.40pm German Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm Indonesian Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm Japanese Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Community and Family Studies 1.55pm – 5.00pm Electrotechnology (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm French Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm

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

* Approximate finishing time

2020 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 2

	Monday 26 October	Tuesday 27 October	Wednesday 28 October	Thursday 29 October	Friday 30 October
	HSC Day 5	HSC Day 6	HSC Day 7	HSC Day 8	HSC Day 9
AM	Mathematics Advanced 9.20am – 12.30pm Mathematics Standard 1 9.20am – 11.30am Mathematics Standard 2 9.20am – 12noon	Legal Studies 9.25am – 12.30pm Classical Hebrew Extension 9.30am – 11.30am	Biology 9.25am – 12.30pm	Information and Digital Technology (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am <i>Digital animation</i> <i>Networking and hardware</i> <i>Web and software applications</i> Modern History 9.25am – 12.30pm	Korean Continuers 9.30am – 12.30pm Personal Development, Health and Physical Education 9.25am – 12.30pm Chinese in Context 9.30am – 12.10pm Classical Greek Extension 9.30am – 11.30am
PM	Mathematics Extension 2 1.50pm – 5.00pm	Latin Continuers 1.55pm – 5.00pm Visual Arts Art Criticism and Art History 1.55pm – 3.30pm Arabic Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm Indonesian Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm Indonesian and Literature 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Agriculture 1.55pm – 5.00pm Classical Greek Continuers 1.55pm – 5.00pm Japanese Beginners 2.00pm – 4.40pm Modern Greek Beginners 2.00pm – 4.40pm	Financial Services (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Society and Culture 1.55pm – 4.00pm Chinese Beginners 2.00pm – 4.40pm French Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm Indonesian Beginners 2.00pm – 4.40pm Modern Hebrew Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Mathematics Extension 1 1.50pm – 4.00pm Italian Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm

2020 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 3

	Monday 2 November	Tuesday 3 November	Wednesday 4 November	Thursday 5 November	Friday 6 November
	HSC Day 10	HSC Day 11	HSC Day 12	HSC Day 13	HSC Day 14
AM	Business Studies 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	Entertainment Industry (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am Chinese Extension 9.30am – 11.30am Science Extension 10.20am – 12.30pm	Geography 9.25am – 12.30pm Human Services (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am French Beginners 9.30am – 12.10pm Spanish Continuers 9.30am – 12.30pm	Physics 9.25am – 12.30pm Dance Section I Core Appreciation 9.25am – 10.30am Dance Section II Major Study Appreciation 10.40am – 12noon Chinese Continuers 9.30am – 12.30pm Spanish Beginners 9.30am – 12.10pm
PM	Aboriginal Studies 1.55pm – 5.00pm Software Design and Development 1.55pm – 5.00pm Korean Beginners 2.00pm – 4.40pm Modern Greek Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm Spanish Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Engineering Studies 1.55pm – 5.00pm Retail Services (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Textiles and Design 1.55pm – 3.30pm	History Extension 1.50pm – 4.00pm Metal and Engineering (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Chinese and Literature 2.00pm – 5.00pm German Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm	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>	Hospitality (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm <i>Kitchen Operations and Cookery</i> <i>Food and Beverage</i> Italian Beginners 2.00pm – 4.40pm

2020 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 4

	Monday 9 November	Tuesday 10 November	Wednesday 11 November	Thursday 12 November	Friday 13 November
	HSC Day 15	HSC Day 16	HSC Day 17	-	-
AM	Chemistry 9.25am – 12.30pm	Automotive (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am <i>Vehicle Body</i> <i>Mechanical Technology</i> Food Technology 9.25am – 12.30pm	Design and Technology 11.25am – 1.00pm		
PM	English Extension 1 1.50pm – 4.00pm Modern Greek Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm	Earth and Environmental Science 1.55pm – 5.00pm Information Processes and Technology 1.55pm – 5.00pm Italian Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm Korean and Literature 2.00pm – 5.00pm Korean in Context 2.00pm – 4.40pm	Drama 2.25pm – 4.00pm		