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Dear Year 8 Parent or Carer,

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between **Wednesday 28th October** and **Friday 6 November 2020**. The test takes approximately 70 minutes. The **VALID Science 8** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values about science.

Since students complete *VALID Science 8* on a computer, each student needs to bring **headphones or earbuds** that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

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Year 8 classes will complete their VALID test as follows:

Class:	8A	8R	8M	8P	8B	8G	8Y and support unit
Week:	3	3	4	4	3	3	3
Day/Date:	Thursday 29/10/20	Thursday 29/10/20	Tuesday 03/11/20	Monday 02/11/20	Wednesday 28/10/20	Thursday 29/10/20	Friday 30/10/20
Periods:	3 & 4	1 & 2	3 & 4	3 & 4	1 & 2	1 & 2	3 & 4
Room:	E2	E3	Library computers	G6	A2	Library computers	Library computers

Students who are absent during their classes assigned lesson will complete a make-up lesson between 28th October and 6th November depending on computer availability.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact the school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2021. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personalised electronic report describing the knowledge and skills demonstrated by your child in the test will be available from the school. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

The Relieving Science Head Teacher is able to provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely,

Miss R. Eagles
Rel. Science Head Teacher

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