

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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		<b>English Advanced</b> Paper 1 – Texts and Human Experiences 9.50am – 11.30am <b>English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)</b> Paper 1 – Module A and Focus on Writing 9.50am – 11.30am <b>English Standard</b> Paper 1 – Texts and Human Experiences 9.50am – 11.30am <b>English Studies</b> 9.50am – 12.30pm	<b>English Advanced</b> Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am – 11.30am <b>English Standard</b> Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am – 11.30am <b>English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D)</b> Paper 2 – Module B and Module C 9.25am – 10.30am Listening Paper 10.40am – 11.10am*	<b>Ancient History</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm <b>Classical Hebrew Continuers</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm	<b>Economics</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm <b>Investigating Science</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm
PM		<b>Primary Industries (VET)</b> 1.55pm – 4.00pm <b>Arabic Continuers</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm <b>Japanese and Literature</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm <b>Japanese Extension</b> 2.00pm – 4.00pm <b>Japanese in Context</b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Latin Extension</b> 2.00pm – 4.10pm <b>Armenian Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Croatian Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Dutch Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Filipino Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Hindi Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Hungarian Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Khmer Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Macedonian Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Maltese Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Persian Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Polish Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Portuguese Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Punjabi Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Russian Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Serbian Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Swedish Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Tamil Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Turkish Continuers<sup>†</sup></b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm	<b>Music 1</b> Aural Skills 1.55pm – 3.00pm* <b>Music 2</b> Musicology and Aural Skills 3.25pm – 5.00pm*	<b>Business Services (VET)</b> 1.55pm – 4.00pm <b>Construction (VET)</b> 1.55pm – 4.00pm <b>Tourism, Travel and Events (VET)</b> 1.55pm – 4.00pm <b>German Beginners</b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>German Continuers</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm <b>Indonesian Continuers</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm <b>Japanese Continuers</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm	<b>Community and Family Studies</b> 1.55pm – 5.00pm <b>Electrotechnology (VET)</b> 1.55pm – 4.00pm <b>French Continuers</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm

<sup>†</sup> 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	<b>Mathematics Advanced</b> 9.20am – 12.30pm <b>Mathematics Standard 1</b> 9.20am – 11.30am <b>Mathematics Standard 2</b> 9.20am – 12noon	<b>Legal Studies</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm <b>Classical Hebrew Extension</b> 9.30am – 11.30am	<b>Biology</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm	<b>Information and Digital Technology (VET)</b> 9.25am – 11.30am <i>Digital animation</i> <i>Networking and hardware</i> <i>Web and software applications</i> <b>Modern History</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm	<b>Korean Continuers</b> 9.30am – 12.30pm <b>Personal Development, Health and Physical Education</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm <b>Chinese in Context</b> 9.30am – 12.10pm <b>Classical Greek Extension</b> 9.30am – 11.30am
PM	<b>Mathematics Extension 2</b> 1.50pm – 5.00pm	<b>Latin Continuers</b> 1.55pm – 5.00pm <b>Visual Arts</b> Art Criticism and Art History 1.55pm – 3.30pm <b>Arabic Extension</b> 2.00pm – 4.00pm <b>Indonesian Extension</b> 2.00pm – 4.00pm <b>Indonesian and Literature</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm	<b>Agriculture</b> 1.55pm – 5.00pm <b>Classical Greek Continuers</b> 1.55pm – 5.00pm <b>Japanese Beginners</b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Modern Greek Beginners</b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm	<b>Financial Services (VET)</b> 1.55pm – 4.00pm <b>Society and Culture</b> 1.55pm – 4.00pm <b>Chinese Beginners</b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>French Extension</b> 2.00pm – 4.00pm <b>Indonesian Beginners</b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Modern Hebrew Continuers</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm	<b>Mathematics Extension 1</b> 1.50pm – 4.00pm <b>Italian Extension</b> 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	<b>Business Studies</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm	<b>Studies of Religion I</b> 9.25am – 11.00am <b>Studies of Religion II</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm <b>Vietnamese Continuers</b> 9.30am – 12.30pm	<b>Entertainment Industry (VET)</b> 9.25am – 11.30am <b>Chinese Extension</b> 9.30am – 11.30am <b>Science Extension</b> 10.20am – 12.30pm	<b>Geography</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm <b>Human Services (VET)</b> 9.25am – 11.30am <b>French Beginners</b> 9.30am – 12.10pm <b>Spanish Continuers</b> 9.30am – 12.30pm	<b>Physics</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm <b>Dance Section I</b> Core Appreciation 9.25am – 10.30am <b>Dance Section II</b> Major Study Appreciation 10.40am – 12noon <b>Chinese Continuers</b> 9.30am – 12.30pm <b>Spanish Beginners</b> 9.30am – 12.10pm
PM	<b>Aboriginal Studies</b> 1.55pm – 5.00pm <b>Software Design and Development</b> 1.55pm – 5.00pm <b>Korean Beginners</b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm <b>Modern Greek Continuers</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm <b>Spanish Extension</b> 2.00pm – 4.00pm	<b>Engineering Studies</b> 1.55pm – 5.00pm <b>Retail Services (VET)</b> 1.55pm – 4.00pm <b>Textiles and Design</b> 1.55pm – 3.30pm	<b>History Extension</b> 1.50pm – 4.00pm <b>Metal and Engineering (VET)</b> 1.55pm – 4.00pm <b>Chinese and Literature</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm <b>German Extension</b> 2.00pm – 4.00pm	<b>Industrial Technology</b> 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>	<b>Hospitality (VET)</b> 1.55pm – 4.00pm <i>Kitchen Operations and Cookery</i> <i>Food and Beverage</i> <b>Italian Beginners</b> 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	<b>Chemistry</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm	<b>Automotive (VET)</b> 9.25am – 11.30am <i>Vehicle Body</i> <i>Mechanical Technology</i> <b>Food Technology</b> 9.25am – 12.30pm	<b>Design and Technology</b> 11.25am – 1.00pm		
PM	<b>English Extension 1</b> 1.50pm – 4.00pm <b>Modern Greek Extension</b> 2.00pm – 4.00pm	<b>Earth and Environmental Science</b> 1.55pm – 5.00pm <b>Information Processes and Technology</b> 1.55pm – 5.00pm <b>Italian Continuers</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm <b>Korean and Literature</b> 2.00pm – 5.00pm <b>Korean in Context</b> 2.00pm – 4.40pm	<b>Drama</b> 2.25pm – 4.00pm		