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Dear Parent / Caregiver

Re: HSC minimum standard update for Year 10 parents

The NSW government is committed to requiring students to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC from 2020, because these skills are needed for success in life after school.

There will be multiple opportunities for your child to show they meet the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills. These tests can be taken when your child is ready – be that this year, in Year 11 or 12 or after the HSC. The first minimum standard online tests at Concord High School will be conducted on May 21st in term 2 for reading and also numeracy. Writing will be tested on August 27th in term 3. All tests will again be offered in term 4 on the 15 and 16th of November.

Yr 10 students who have not yet met minimum requirements will be advised of such and will be scheduled to sit those tests on the above dates, though any student who does not feel they are ready, can fill out the slip below and choose to opt out. Practice tests and teacher support will be provided at school to enable students to become familiar with the test/s and to judge their readiness.

Additional dates and school support will be provided in term 4 to enable students to attempt to meet minimum standards in numeracy, reading and writing. Visit the school's or NESA's website for further information.

Please be assured that **if your child achieved Band 8s or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy tests, they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.**

For more information, and flyers about the online tests and what they involve, visit the NESA website: educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher- English

Relieving Principal

HSC Minimum Standards Coordinator

Opt Out Slip

My child is not ready to sit the HSC minimum standard test/s for _____ (Identify Numeracy and/or Reading in the space provided) and wishes to opt out. Please remove my child from the test list for the 21st May 2018. I understand that my child will have other opportunities this year to attempt their test/s.

Please return this slip to Mr Cheeseman before the 4th of May 2018

Student's Name: _____ **Parent's Signature** _____ **Date:** _____