

2023 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAM TIMETABLE

Wednesday 11 October to Friday 3 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/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables.

Your personal exam timetable

Your personal exam timetable is available from studentsonline.nesansw.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 *2023 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/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes.

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 exam starting time in the timetable 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

It is expected that you come prepared to the exam room with the required approved equipment in working order:

- ✓ black pens to write with (recommended) – ensure to bring spare pens to each exam
- ✓ ruler
- ✓ highlighters
- ✓ pencils (at least 2B)
- ✓ sharpener
- ✓ water in a clear label-free bottle.

You can wear a watch, but it should be taken off and placed in clear view on your desk once you sit down for your exam. Please note that programmable watches (eg. Smart watches) are not permitted in the exam room.

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

- ✗ A mobile phone. Mobile phones are not permitted in an exam room under any circumstances.
- ✗ A programmable watch, eg a smart watch.
- ✗ Other electronic devices (except a calculator or wired headphones where permitted). This includes any other communication devices, organisers, tablets (eg. iPads), wireless earphones/headphones (eg AirPods), electronic dictionaries, and music players.
- ✗ Paper or any printed or written material. You can ask your presiding officer for working paper.
- ✗ Print dictionaries, except where permitted in language exams.
- ✗ Correction fluid.
- You are *not* allowed to borrow equipment during exams.

Equipment for specific HSC exams

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, however you may bring and use it if you wish. Only those exams that require specific equipment are listed. See the list of [approved calculators](#) for the HSC examinations.

Agriculture

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

Automotive (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Biology

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

Business Services (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Business Studies

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Chemistry

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

Construction (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Earth and Environmental Science

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Set squares

Economics

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Electrotechnology (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Engineering Studies

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Set squares
- ✓ Circle templates
- ✓ Isometric/ellipse templates

Entertainment Industry (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Financial Services (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Geography

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of dividers
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Coloured pencils and/or coloured felt pens
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ (Optional) a handheld magnifying glass
- ✓ (Optional) a piece of string or thread for measuring

Hospitality (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Human Services (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Industrial Technology

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Pair of compasses
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Protractor
- ✓ Set squares

Information and Digital Technology (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Information Processes and Technology

- ✓ Pencil

Investigating Science

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

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- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

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

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Ruler

Mathematics Advanced, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Ruler

Physics

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Pencil

Primary Industries (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Retail Services (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

Science Extension

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator
- ✓ Desktop or laptop computer with the NES-A lockdown browser pre-installed
- ✓ Headphones (wired) to listen to audio stimulus for questions
- ✓ Physical keyboard (wired or wireless)
- ✓ Pointing device such as a mouse for navigation
- ✓ Your presiding officer can provide you with blank working paper.

For more information, see [Science Extension online exam](#).

Software Design and Development

- ✓ Pencil

Tourism, Travel and Events (VET)

- ✓ NES-A-approved calculator

2023 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 1

	Monday 9 October	Tuesday 10 October	Wednesday 11 October	Thursday 12 October	Friday 13 October
AM	No exams	No exams	HSC Day 1	HSC Day 2	HSC Day 3
			<p>English Advanced Paper 1 – Texts and Human Experiences 9.50am – 11.30am</p> <p>English Standard Paper 1 – Texts and Human Experiences 9.50am – 11.30am</p> <p>English Studies 9.50am – 12.30pm</p> <p>English EAL/D Paper 1 – Module A and Focus on Writing 9.50am – 11.30am</p>	<p>English Advanced Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am – 11.30am</p> <p>English Standard Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am – 11.30am</p> <p>English EAL/D Paper 2 – Module B and Module C 9.25am – 10.30am Listening Paper 10.40am – 11.10am*</p>	<p>Investigating Science 9.25am – 12.30pm</p> <p>French Beginners 9.30am – 12.10pm</p> <p>French Continuers 9.30am – 12.30pm</p> <p>Japanese Extension 9.30am – 11.30am</p>
PM			<p>Classical Hebrew Continuers 1.55pm – 5.00pm</p> <p>Tourism, Travel and Events (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm</p> <p>Japanese Beginners 2.00pm – 4.40pm</p> <p>Japanese Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm</p> <p>Japanese in Context 2.00pm – 4.40pm</p>	<p>Music 1 Aural Skills 1.55pm – 3.00pm*</p> <p>Music 2 Musicology and Aural Skills 3.25pm – 5.00pm*</p>	<p>Modern History 1.55pm – 5.00pm</p>

* Approximate finishing time

2023 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 2

	Monday 16 October	Tuesday 17 October	Wednesday 18 October	Thursday 19 October	Friday 20 October
	HSC Day 4	HSC Day 5	HSC Day 6	HSC Day 7	HSC Day 8
AM	Mathematics Advanced 9.20am – 12.30pm Mathematics Standard 1 9.20am – 11.30am Mathematics Standard 2 9.20am – 12 noon Agriculture 9.25am – 12.30pm Software Design and Development 9.25am – 12.30pm Chinese Extension 9.30am – 11.30am French Extension 9.30am – 11.30am German Beginners 9.30am – 12.10pm Korean Beginners 9.30am – 12.10pm Korean Continuers 9.30am – 12.30pm	Legal Studies 9.25am – 12.30pm Aboriginal Studies 1.55pm – 5.00pm Electrotechnology (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Information and Digital Technology (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Latin Continuers 1.55pm – 5.00pm Chinese in Context 2.00pm – 4.40pm German Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm Korean and Literature 2.00pm – 5.00pm Korean in Context 2.00pm – 4.40pm 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 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	Economics 9.25am – 12.30pm Entertainment Industry (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am Human Services (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am Ancient History 9.25am – 12.30pm Chinese and Literature 9.30am – 12.30pm Chinese Beginners 9.30am – 12.10pm Classical Greek Extension 9.30am – 11.30am	Society and Culture 1.55pm – 4.00pm Chinese Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm Modern Greek Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm Mathematics Extension 1 1.50pm – 4.00pm Primary Industries (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm	
PM	Mathematics Extension 2 1.50pm – 5.00pm Visual Arts Art Criticism and Art History 1.55pm – 3.30pm Classical Hebrew Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm				

† Collaborative Curriculum and Assessment Framework for Languages (CCAFL)

2023 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 3

	Monday 23 October	Tuesday 24 October	Wednesday 25 October	Thursday 26 October	Friday 27 October
	HSC Day 9	HSC Day 10	HSC Day 11	HSC Day 12	HSC Day 13
AM	Biology 9.25am – 12.30pm	Business Studies 9.25am – 12.30pm Latin Extension 9.30am – 11.40am	Retail Services (VET) 9.25am – 11.30am Indonesian Beginners 9.30am – 12.10pm Indonesian Continuers 9.30am – 12.30pm Italian Extension 9.30am – 11.30am Modern Greek Beginners 9.30am – 12.10pm Science Extension 9.30am – 11.40am	Studies of Religion I 9.25am – 11.00am Studies of Religion II 9.25am – 12.30pm	Chemistry 9.25am – 12.30pm
PM	Classical Greek Continuers 1.55pm – 5.00pm Drama 1.55pm – 3.30pm German Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm Modern Hebrew Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm Spanish Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm	English Extension 1 1.50pm – 4.00pm Automotive (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Vietnamese Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm	History Extension 1.50pm – 4.00pm Construction (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Modern Greek Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm Spanish Beginners 2.00pm – 4.40pm	Hospitality (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Kitchen Operations and Cookery Food and Beverage Indonesian and Literature 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Industrial Technology 1.55pm – 3.30pm Automotive Technologies Electronics Technologies Graphics Technologies Metal and Engineering Technologies Multimedia Technologies Timber and Furniture Technologies Indonesian Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm Spanish Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm

2023 HSC Written Exam Timetable • Week 4

Monday 30 October	Tuesday 31 October	Wednesday 1 November	Thursday 2 November	Friday 3 November
HSC Day 14	HSC Day 15	HSC Day 16	HSC Day 17	HSC Day 18
AM Personal Development, Health and Physical Education 9.25am – 12.30pm	Community and Family Studies 9.25am – 12.30pm	Geography 9.25am – 12.30pm Arabic 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 – 12 noon	Food Technology 9.25am – 12.30pm
PM Earth and Environmental Science 1.55pm – 5.00pm Financial Services (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Arabic Extension 2.00pm – 4.00pm Italian Beginners 2.00pm – 4.40pm Italian Continuers 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Business Services (VET) 1.55pm – 4.00pm Engineering Studies 1.55pm – 5.00pm	Design and Technology 1.55pm – 3.30pm	Information Processes and Technology Textiles and Design 1.55pm – 3.30pm	