



24 August 2017

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

As you are aware the Queensland Core Skills test will be completed by your student on Tuesday 29 August and Wednesday 30 August.

The Year 12 QCS groups have had extensive preparation and practice for this test which will be crucial in determining their Overall Position (OP) or Selection Rank.

The school will be providing a breakfast for the QCS students on both days. This is a good opportunity for the students to come together and relax as a group and to ensure that they are in the right state of mind for the test.

The format for the days will be as follows:

- 7:15-7:30am: Meet in the Trade Training Centre in full school uniform for breakfast
- 8:30am: Last minute briefing then assemble in the Hall
- Tuesday will consist of the Writing Task (2hrs) followed by Multiple Choice Test 1 (1hr 30mins)
- Wednesday will consist of the Short Response (2hrs) followed by Multiple Choice Test 2 (1hr 30mins)
- Students will have a break of 1 hour and 20 mins between tests and should be finished by 2:30pm on both days.
- Students will be required to remain on school grounds during the break between tests.

QCS students have purchased a stationery pack which will be waiting on their allocated desk.

Students will need to provide their own correcting tape if required for the Writing Task and Short Response and will also need to provide their own approved calculator for both the Multiple Choice test and the Short Response.

There can be no lending or borrowing of equipment during the QCS test.

There are very strict rules regarding the administration of the test and the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) has provided an Instruction to Students guide for all students sitting the test. All students have signed a Statutory Declaration stating that they have received these instructions and are aware of the calculator requirements. (A copy of these instructions has been included with this letter).

Mobile phones are not permitted in the test and it is strongly advised that students do not bring phones on test days.

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Students may bring:

- water in an unlabelled container,
- plain folded tissues,
- unwrapped cough lollies,
- spare batteries for calculators and
- a plain hand towel into the test.
- No food can be taken into the test.

Students who have been granted special consideration for the QCS test will be briefed individually in the days before the test.

We feel confident that the students are well prepared for the QCS test. We would like to reiterate that the test is a group effort and it is important for every student to perform at their best.

On behalf of the QCS team I'd like to wish all students the very best for this most important test.

Yours sincerely,

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