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Dear Year 12 Student and Caregiver/s

## 2017 YEAR 12 QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS TESTING

This letter is to inform you of the dates and commitment for students sitting the 2017 Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test in September.

<b>OVERALL POSITION STUDENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Must sit the QCS test. It is <u>compulsory</u> for all Overall Position (OP) students.</b></li><li>• <b>QCS results <i>directly</i> affect all OP results. It is a GROUP ranking.</b></li><li>• Receive a QCS score on their Senior Statement A-E</li><li>• <b>Must attend all QCS practices and tutorials: Sessions are <u>compulsory</u>.</b></li><li>• <b>Failure to attend QCS will be viewed as disengagement from the curriculum, and dealt with as such.</b></li></ul>
<b>NON-OP STUDENTS (SELECTION RANK)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>May</i> choose to sit the QCS. It is not compulsory.</li><li>• <b>If they elect to sit QCST, must register at Student Pathways.</b></li><li>• QCS results don't affect anyone else's rating.</li><li>• Receive a QCS score on their Senior Statement</li><li>• Receive 1 or more Selection Rank points for a QCS results of D or better.</li><li>• <b>If registered must attend all QCS practices and tutorials</b></li></ul>

Please find attached the outline for the 2017 QCS test preparation and practice programme. It includes a QTAC session which outlines the process for university and TAFE entrance. All students may attend but it's compulsory for OP students.

*Please note: Year 12 students not sitting the QCS test attend sport as normal in Term 3. Students in Extension Music, Extension English and Diploma of Business attend all QCS practice days but not Term 3 Wednesday afternoon QCS tutorial sessions. QCS tutorial materials are available for these students.*

If you have any questions or queries regarding the Queensland Core Skills test or our 2017 QCS programme please contact me at school on 55 623 446.

Regards

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## QCS & QTAC OVERVIEW 2017

TERM	WK	DATE	TIME	GROUP	ACTIVITY
<b>1</b>	10	Thursday 30 March	8.00am to 1.30pm	ALL OP and self- identified Non-OP	<b>QCS PRACTICE TEST DAY 1</b> Period 0: SAC: Intro QCS, OP impact and scaling Period 1: Short Response Workshop – QCAA QCS booklet, key terms, tips, past paper examples, marker exemplar answers, deconstruction Periods 2 & 3 and into lunch: <b>SHORT RESPONSE TEST – FULL PRACTICE</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>					
<b>2</b>	3	This week	PROMOTE	PROMOTE class	Return of Practice Short Response paper and individual feedback
	10	Monday 19 June	Period 1 to 1.45pm	House	<b>QCS PRACTICE TEST DAY 2</b> Period 1: Writing Task workshop Period 2 & 3 into lunch: <b>WRITING TASK TEST – FULL PRACTICE</b>
	10	Tuesday 20 June	Period 1 to 1.30pm	House	<b>QCS PRACTICE TEST DAY 3</b> Period 1- Multiple Choice workshop Period 2 & 3: <b>MULTIPLE CHOICE 1 TEST – FULL PRACTICE</b>
<b>JUNE/JULY BREAK</b>					
<b>3</b>	1	Wednesday 12 July	1.10pm to 3.00pm	Whole PAC	<b>QTAC</b> information session – distribute QTAC books: presentation of uni & TAFE entrance process
	2	Tuesday 18 July	8.15am to 2.30pm	Whole SAC	<b>QCS PRACTICE TEST DAY 4</b> <b>Writing Task &amp; Multiple Choice 1</b>
	2	Wednesday 19 July	8.15am to 2.30pm	Whole SAC	<b>QCS PRACTICE TEST DAY 5</b> <b>Short Response &amp; Multiple Choice II</b>
	3	Wednesday 26 July	1.10pm to 3.00pm	QCS Groups	<b>Tutorials:</b> Students rotate through two skill building sessions; Writing Task & Short Response
	4	Wednesday 2 August	1.10pm to 3.00pm	QCS Groups	<b>Tutorials &amp; Feedback (MC/SRI)</b> Feedback of Practice Tests (SRI & MC) checking answers against official models
	5	Wednesday 9 August	1.10pm to 3.00pm	QCS Groups	<b>Tutorials:</b> Students rotate through two skill building sessions; Multiple Choice & Short response
	6	Wednesday 16 August	1.10pm to 3.00pm	QCS Groups	<b>Tutorials &amp; Feedback</b> Return of Practice Test papers SRI/MC/WT – Retrospectives, models, final debrief
	7	Wednesday 23 August	1.15pm to 3.00pm	Whole PAC	Motivational Speaker – Graham Hyman -stress busters, understanding your parents
	8	Tuesday 29 August	8.30am to 2.30pm	Whole	<b>QCS TEST</b> <b>2017 WT &amp; MC1</b>
	8	Wednesday 30 August	8.30am to 2.30pm	Whole	<b>QCS TEST</b> <b>2017 SRI &amp; MCII</b>
	9	4 to 7 September			
10	13 September	1.15pm to 3.00pm	Individual	QTAC/QSA checking with Guidance/Admin TBA	