Online HSC exams video

**Transcript**

NESA’s online HSC exams provide an opportunity to assess students in a way that recognises the use of technology in their learning and everyday lives, bringing exams closer to the learning environment of our students.

Online exams can use media such as audio, video and slideshows.

For online HSC exams, students will require a desktop computer with a keyboard and mouse or laptop, and wired headphones to listen to audio and video content. Tablets or smartphones are not suitable.

The online exams are designed to operate on minimum technical specifications.

Students log in to a secure online environment to complete their exams. In this environment, students are restricted from accessing other websites or applications, including emails and document files.

All information and tools needed to answer questions are provided in the online exam, and paper is available for planning or working out if needed.

A NESA-approved calculator may be allowed in some exams.

In an online exam, students can:

* see a timer showing their reading and working time,
* navigate backwards and forwards through questions,
* flag questions,
* highlight during reading time and throughout the exam,
* listen to audio and view videos,
* copy and paste text,
* format text with bold, underline, italics, bullet points, numbering, indent, subscript and superscript,
* use spell check,
* insert and format tables,
* undo and redo an action,
* insert equations, formulae and special symbols, and
* utilise accessibility functions, like changing background and text colours, and enlarging images, text and diagrams by zooming in.

NESA’s online exams may contain objective-response, short-answer and extended-response items.

Objective-response items include conventional multiple-choice questions and technology-enhanced items such as drag-and-drop, checkboxes and drop downs.

Spreadsheet, code editor and drawing tools may also be available.

Disability provisions such as extra time and rest breaks are available for online HSC exams. Schools may apply for disability provisions in the same way they would for other HSC written exams.

NESA conducts training for school exam IT coordinators and presiding officers to support awareness of their responsibilities prior to and during online exams.

Students and teachers can familiarise themselves with the format, look, feel and features of the exam by accessing past and sample exams, and interactive familiarisation questions on the NESA website.

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