

# Senior School Assessment Policy

(Years 10-12)

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#### Rationale

Ripley Valley State Secondary College operates within a culture of high expectations of student achievement, and we pride ourselves on our connection to our community of learners and their parents/carers.

The College is dedicated to providing equitable opportunities for growth through innovative practices. Our values are **Respect, Responsibility** and **Perseverance**.

The Senior School Assessment Policy outlines the expectations and responsibilities of the College, students, and parents/carers during the Teaching, Learning and Assessing Cycle.

Assessment procedures referred to in the Policy are designed to meet the accountabilities set by:

- The **Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority** (ACARA), which is the statutory body responsible for curriculum from Foundation to Year 10.
- The **Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority** (QCAA), which develops and revises syllabuses and guidelines for Kindergarten to Year 12 and accredits syllabuses and guidelines prepared outsideof the QCAA.

# **Purpose of Assessment**

Assessment is the ongoing process of gathering, analysing and reflecting on evidence to make informed judgements about the achievement or capabilities of individuals or cohorts (QCAA, 2018).

Assessment has multiple uses, including:

- provision of feedback to teachers, such as
  - o diagnostic evidence of students' strengths, ways of learning, areas of development, the depth of their knowledge, and their conceptual understandings, which informs the teacher, so they know what students can do, and what subsequent teaching is required to progress student learning
  - identification of students' learning needs across a range and balance of assessments that enhances teachers' ability to establish where students are in their learning and to help them attain higher levels of performance
- provision of feedback to students and parents/carers that gives
  - o clear, specific, meaningful and timely feedback, allowing reflection on the learning process and collaboration to support future learning and development
  - evidence of student learning and advice for further progress, underpinning the provision of meaningful reports/statements to parents/carers and others
- development of lifelong learners by enabling students to identify and reflect on the progress they are making, which is crucial to building self-evaluation, self-efficacy and self-responsibility for in-depth and long-term learning
- refinement of quality teaching, by supporting teacher reflection and professional learning
- provision of information for certification
- measurement and evaluation of policies, programs, interventions and teaching strategies to provide better understanding of student achievement and growth.

#### Assessment Techniques

A variety of assessment techniques are used to allow students to progressively demonstrate the depth and breadth of their learning. Evidence of student achievement is gathered from a range of assessment techniques including projects, investigations, extended responses, performances, products and examinations. The specific requirements of the assessment technique will be clearly noted on the assessment task sheet in Years 10-12 that is uploaded as an attachment to the Assessment Task on Daymap.

# **Assessment Responsibilities**

The College, students and parents/carers all have responsibilities throughout the Teaching, Learning and Assessing cycle.

# **College Responsibilities**

- Provide an assessment schedule to all students and parents/carers at the beginning of each Semester detailing due dates for drafts and final assessment submissions and dates of examinations.
- Provide students with an assessment task sheet that clearly outlines the assessment technique, task specific details, response length, and access to resources.
- Follow the notice of task guidelines prescribed by the QCAA for Year 11 and Year 12 tasks, and provide appropriate class time to draft assessment in Years 7-10.
- Provide feedback to students on drafts and final assessments and examinations in a timely manner.
- Contact parents/carers when a student has not submitted a draft or final piece of assessment by the due date, has not been present for an examination, or is at risk of not meeting a satisfactory standard.
- Engage in moderation of assessment to ensure the comparability of student results.
- Report student results against standards achieved to parents/carers on at least a semester basis.
- Issue behaviour consequences to students who do not meet academic integrity responsibilities.

# **Student Responsibilities**

- Access your assessment schedule on Daymap and keep a record in your student diary to easily recall when assessment is due or to take place.
- Complete all work to the best of your ability.
- Apply feedback provided in the drafting phase.
- Ensure academic integrity is maintained by submitting work that is your own.
- Submit draft and final assessment on time and attend all examinations, unless documentation can be obtained to justify an extension.
- When on a traineeship or excursion, arrange to submit a draft or final assessment before the due date, and if possible arrange to sit an examination before the due date.
- Access support from the HoD to complete an Extension Request Form to apply for anextension.
- Access support from the HoD Inclusion, Guidance Officer, or Deputy Principal to complete an Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (AARA) Application Form.

# Parent/Carer Responsibilities

- Support students in utilising their diary and Daymap to keep a record of their assessment schedule.
- Engage in conversations with College staff regarding student progress.
- Assist students with obtaining documentation required to complete an Extension Request Form or Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (AARA) Application Form.

# **Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity requires academic responsibilities to be approached in an honest, moral and ethical way. Schools, teachers, parents/carers and others who support students in their learning are responsible for promoting and maintaining academic integrity (QCAA, 2019).

# Scaffolding

Scaffolding is an intentional instructional strategy through which teachers support students to develop greater independence in completing a task or responding to an assessment instrument (QCAA, 2019).

Teachers will gradually release support and responsibility to students over a unit of work in order to develop student's knowledge and skills so that they may complete a task independently.

The scaffolding that is provided to students will differ across subject areas and assessment techniques. Scaffolding provided will be similar across classes, overseen by the Head of Department.

## Scaffolding techniques used in the Teaching, Learning and Assessing Cycle may include:

- breaking a complex task, learning experience, concept or skill into discrete parts
- modelling metacognitive processes required to complete parts of an assessment instrument
- pre-teaching vocabulary specific to the subject and assessment instrument
- questioning to develop students' conceptions, describe interpretations or challenge opinions that inform a response
- showing examples of responses and demonstrating the match to performance descriptors
- using visual frameworks or graphic organisers to plan responses.

Scaffolding for assessment should maintain integrity of the assessment instrument so that students are not lead to a predetermined response.

In Years 11 and 12 scaffolding provided should focus on processes or presentation of the response, and not focus on the task description.

Scaffolding techniques used in the Teaching, Learning and Assessing Cycle in Year 12 in Unit 3 and 4 may include:

- providing a timeline or checkpoints that students can use to manage their completion of components of the assessment instrument
- guiding students to make predictions and/or reflect on their learning to complete the assessment instrument
- providing prompts and cues for students about the requirements for their response.

# Referencing

- Some assessment items require students to reference materials used in their assessment instruments to ensure authenticity.
- The type of referencing style students are required to use will be noted on the task sheet.
- The styles used across faculties include but are not limited to **AmericanPsychological Association (APA)**Referencing.

#### **Feedback**

There are two types of feedback provided to students about their strengths and areas for improvement. Formative feedback is provided to students during teaching and learning and summative feedback is provided on assessment items. Both types of feedback encourage self-reflection and allow for evaluation of learning against criteria; be that the Success Criteria of a lesson, or the elements of a marking criteria or Instrument Specific Marking Guide (ISMG).

Teachers will ensure that feedback is:

- ongoing
- individualised
- specific to the teaching, learning and assessment
- related to the Success Criteria, marking criteria or ISMG
- clear
- timely
- supportive

# **Drafting**

A draft is a preliminary version of a student's response to an assessment. Drafts allow teachers to monitor student progress through a consultative process, not a marking process.

Providing feedback is a consultative process, not a marking process. It varies depending on the nature of the task and may include suggestions such as:

- consider other aspects of the text, report, performance or activity.
- develop the response to show more awareness of the intended audience or purpose.
- rearrange the sequence and structure of the response to prioritise the most important points.
- investigate further to expand the response.
- synthesise the response by editing or removing excess information.
- adhere to the required response length by, editing and refining the response, checking for relevance or repetition, etc.
- adhere more closely to the referencing style required by the task.
- in Years 10 only, feedback may also indicate some textual errors.

The **format and mode** of a draft varies across subject areas and assessment techniques. The format and mode of the draft will be noted on the assessment task sheet. Additional checkpoints in the lead up to a draft may also be noted.

Feedback on a draft response can be **provided in a variety of ways**: in writing or orally; to an individual or whole class; and/or through questioning. The Head of Department for each faculty will ensure that the type of feedback provided is **consistent** across classes.

Feedback will be aligned with the elements of the assessment task marking criteria or Instrument Specific Marking Guide (ISMG) and encourage improvement through key questioning.

Students in Years 10-12 can submit a maximum of one draft per assessment task.

# **Response Length**

In **Years 11 and 12** each syllabus indicates the required length of a student response for an assessment instrument. Each assessment task sheet outlines a response length. In **Year 10** the length of a student response is suggested by QCAA and is noted on the assessment task sheet.

The length requirements are expressed as a word length, duration of time or page count and vary according to the technique and response type.

Both the student and the teacher have responsibilities to monitor the response length for an assessment instrument.

#### Student responsibilities to manage response length include:

- develop responses that meet the word length outlined on the assessment task sheet
- document the length of the response using a word count, time indicator or page count
- respond to draft feedback about the length of their response
- include only the inclusions noted in the below table in their word or page count:

	Word Count	Page Count
Inclusions	<ul> <li>all words in the text of the response</li> <li>title, headings and subheadings</li> <li>tables, figures, maps and diagrams containing information</li> <li>quotations</li> <li>footnotes and endnotes</li> </ul>	all pages that are used as evidence when marking a response
Exclusions	<ul> <li>title pages</li> <li>contents pages</li> <li>abstract</li> <li>raw or processed data in tables, figures and diagrams</li> <li>bibliography</li> <li>reference list</li> <li>appendixes</li> <li>page numbers</li> <li>in-text citations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>title pages</li> <li>contents pages</li> <li>abstract</li> <li>bibliography</li> <li>reference list</li> <li>appendixes</li> </ul>

## Teacher responsibilities to manage response lengths include:

- develop valid assessment instruments of suitable scope and scale
- ensure each assessment task sheet outlines a response length
- provide examples of assessment responses within the required response lengths
- provide feedback to students about how to develop ideas or synthesise information to meet the required response length during the drafting phase
- mark the student's response using information up to the response length outlined on the assessment task sheet
- annotate the student response to indicate the evidence used when marking the student's work.

#### **Authentication of Assessment**

## Teacher responsibilities to establish authorship may include:

- set an assessment task that requires a unique student response
- monitor the development of assessment during class time provided
- collect evidence of student work at reasonable checkpoints including outlines, plans or drafts.

# Student responsibilities to establish authorship may include:

- completing responses during the designated class time
- submit a draft or final through plagiarism-detection software
- participate in an interview after the submission of a final response

#### To establish authorship of student responses, teachers may:

- directly compare the responses of students
- analyse assessment tasks using plagiarism-detection software
- interview students to determine their understanding of and familiarity with their responses.

#### **Academic Misconduct**

Academic misconduct incorporates a broad range of behaviours by which students inappropriately and falsely demonstrate their learning. Types of misconduct and examples are listed below.

Type of misconduct	Examples
Cheating while under supervised conditions	<ul> <li>Writing during perusal time or writing after instruction to stop writing is given</li> <li>Using unauthorised equipment and materials</li> <li>Having any notation on their body, clothing or object brought into an assessment room</li> <li>Communication with any person other than the supervisor during the examination</li> </ul>
Collusion	<ul> <li>Working collectively but submitting the work as an individual response</li> <li>Assisting another student to commit an act of academic misconduct</li> <li>Giving or receiving a response to an assessment</li> </ul>
Contract cheating	<ul> <li>Paying for a person or service to complete an assessment</li> <li>Selling or trading a response to an assessment</li> </ul>
Copying work	<ul> <li>Deliberately or knowingly making it possible for another student to copy responses</li> <li>Looking or copying another student's work during a supervised assessment</li> </ul>
Disclosing or receiving information	Giving or accessing unauthorised information before a response to assessment is completed
Fabricating	Inventing or exaggerating data     Listing incorrect or fake references
Impersonation	Impersonation during a performance or supervised assessment
Misconduct during a supervised examination	A student distracts and/or disrupts others in an assessment room
Plagiarism	<ul> <li>A student copies or alters another person's work without referencing it</li> <li>Duplicating work that you have already submitted for another piece of assessment</li> </ul>

# Consequences for students who have engaged in academic misconduct may include:

- receiving a result based on authenticated work only, whereby the classroom teacher will clearly annotate what work is the student's own
- if no work can be authenticated as the students own work, it will be treated as a non-submission
- completing an alternate task under supervised conditions at a lunch break or outside school hours detention
- **behaviour consequence** such as a lunch time detention or outside school hours detention for **minor to moderate** breaches of academic integrity to be issued by the HoD.
- **behaviour consequence** such as suspension or exclusion for **major** breaches of academic integrity to be issued by the HoD in consultation with the Deputy Principal.

#### Assessment Submission

**Draft and Final assessment** must be submitted by 12:00pm midnight on the due date via upload to Daymap. Parents/carers, students and staff will be able to track submissions within Daymap to ensure assessment has been received.

#### **Disciplinary Absence**

Disciplinary absences such as suspension do not excuse non-submission of assessment; suspension is not grounds for extension. All students on disciplinary absence are required to adhere to due dates and Daymap submission requirements.

# VET Expectations

Students are expected to continue to meet their obligations around School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SATs) and other training. This means that students **must** continue to attend their SAT or TAFE course unless the assessment meets the following criteria;

- 1. Examination for a General subject in Years 11 and 12
- 2. Curriculum based assessment requiring students to attend one-off camps or excursions relevant to the assessment piece.

Students **must** attend school in these instances and notify TAFE or their employer of intended absence. In regards to assignment submission, students are expected to hand in assignments **prior to the due date** if it falls on the day of absence due to vocational training.

# **Comparable Assessment**

When a Year 11 or Year 12 student is granted an extension through the process of an AARA application a comparable assessment must be used. Using a comparable assessment will ensure the integrity of the assessment instrument. A comparable assessment will allow the student to use the same knowledge and skills required as the original assessment piece and is designed to gather evidence of student learning using the assessment objectives, ISMG and topics of the syllabus. Examples of variations made include changes to the stimulus material, text within items, numerical values within items or parameters within short response items.

#### **Presentations**

Students may be required to give a presentation as an assessment technique. The method of delivery will be **noted on the task sheet** and may include a live-presentation or pre-recorded presentation.

#### **Practical Components**

Some assessment techniques may require students to complete a practical component. If a student requires an extension where a practical component is required to be completed, the Head of Department will make appropriate adjustments.

## **Group Submission**

When one student is absent on the day of a group submission, the Classroom Teacher will exercise professional judgment to continue with the assessment submission for all other students if the integrity of assessment is not compromised. If the integrity of the assessment would be compromised, the Classroom Teacher will consult the Head of Department to reschedule the assessment for **all** group members.

# Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (AARA)

## What is AARA?

Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments (AARA) minimise barriers to demonstrate learning, knowledge and skill for students who have disability, impairment and/or medical conditions, or those who experience misadventure.

Access arrangements are action/s taken by the school so that a student with an eligible impairment that may not be covered by the definition of disability can access assessment.

Reasonable adjustments are action/s taken by the school so that an eligible student with impairment as a result of disability and/or medical conditions or experiencing other circumstances creating a barrier to the completion of assessment can be assessed.

# Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments available include:

Inclusive Strategy	AARA	Adjustment						
Timing	Extension	New Draft Due Date: New Final Due Date:			Date:			
		I I I Additional working time of five minutes per half hour of examination assessment					I	
	Extra Time		ing time o	f five m	ninutes	s per half ho	our of examina	ition assessment
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	Rest Breaks	,					ient time, taken	
Environment	Bite-sized	at any time during the assessment.  Student may take a sufficient quantity of bite-sized food in a clear container into the assessment room.					ar container into	
Liiviioiiiieiit	Food						ai container into	
	Drink			drink o	ther th	an water fo	r a medical re	ason – in a
		Student has access to a drink other than water for a medical reason – in a clear, unlabelled bottle.						
	Medication	Prescribed med		ay be t	aken i	nto the asso	essment room	in a clear
		container.						
	Physical	Furniture (speci				r equipmen	t (cushion, he	at pack, or
	Equipment	towel) needed f	or medica					
	Varied	Single student Small group					he back, front or	
	Seating	supervision		supervision side of the assessment room				
Presentation	Alterative	Braille	Electron	-		Large print	Black and	
	format papers		format	enlargement		papers	white materials	
	Vision Aids	Coloured transpoverlay	parency					
	Assistance	Teacher Aide assistance with Supervisor using the student's name						
		manipulation of equipment and other reading assessment instructions,						
		practical tasks providing support and reassurance, and						
		prompting the student to start						
		continue undertaking the assessmen task					e assessment	
	Assistive	Amplification system / Magnification Desktop computer or					omputer or	
	Technology	Speech-to-text	application		laptop computer with an			
		application				approved software application		
	Individual Instruction	A clean, unannotated copy of the written instructions.						
Response	Reader	A reader who reads the assessment or student's response aloud as often a			ıd as often as			
		the student requests.						
	Scribe					nse or directions		

# **Eligibility for AARA**

AARA are provided to minimise, as much as possible, barriers for a student whose disability, impairment, medical condition or other circumstances may affect their ability to read, respond to or participate in assessment.

#### These barriers fall into three broad categories:

- · permanent
- temporary
- intermittent.

#### Broad application categories are used for AARA eligibility:

- · cognitive
- · physical
- sensory
- · social/emotional.

#### Illness and Misadventure AARA

Students may also be eligible for AARA where **illness and misadventure** (i.e. unforeseen circumstances) or other situations prevent students from demonstrating their learning, knowledge and skill in internal and/or external summative assessment.

# The following principles apply for illness and misadventure applications:

- The illness or event is unforeseen and beyond the student's control, such as personal circumstance or emergent cultural obligation
- The situation cannot be of the student's own choosing or that of their parents/carers, such as a family holiday.
- The College will implement a principal-reported AARA when possible, before considering an application for illness and misadventure.
- An illness and misadventure application cannot be made for the same condition or circumstances for which QCAA-approved AARA have been approved, unless it can be demonstrated that a significant deterioration or complication of the condition occurred that diminished the student's performance in external assessment.

## Illness and misadventure: external assessment

The QCAA advises students to attend every external assessment. However, the QCAA does not expect students to attend an external assessment against specific written medical advice. When students are in doubt about attendance to complete an external assessment, they should contact the Deputy Principal and HoD – Pathways.

The submission for an AARA under illness and misadventure may be made when performance in an external assessment is affected by an illness or circumstances beyond their control, occurring in the lead up to, or during, the external assessment schedule.

An illness and misadventure application cannot be made for the same condition or circumstances for which QCAAapproved AARA have been approved unless it can be demonstrated that a significant deterioration or complication of the condition occurred that diminished the student's performance in external assessment.

# **Supporting Documentation for AARA**

# **Supporting Documentation for AARA includes:**

- Medical report. The medical report must be completed by a relevant practitioner who is a general
  practitioner, medical specialist, or psychologist. The report must contain diagnosis of disability and/or medical
  condition, date of diagnosis, date of occurrence or onset of the disability and/or medical condition, and
  information about how the disability and/or medical condition affects the student participating in assessment.
- Evidence of Verified Disability. Formal notification of the Education Adjustment Program, which may be obtained by the Head of Inclusion or Guidance Officer for verified students.
- Other Documentation. Written evidence from a relevant independent professional or third party, such as a police report or official notice.
- School Statement (as supporting evidence). A school statement provides a detailed overview of the observed impact of the student's disability and/or medical condition, a description of how the student's access to the assessment or ability to communicate a response is affected, and a list of the student's previous AARA. The school statement is to be prepared by the staff member most familiar with the needs of the student in relation to their disability, impairment and/or medical condition.

# AARA in Year 10 and Year 11 (Units 1 and 2)

The College will make decisions about AARA for Year 10 in line with QCAA guidelines. The College will also make decisions about AARA for Units 1 and 2, overseen by the HoD Inclusion and HoD Pathways. Provision of AARA by the College for Unit 1 and 2 assessments does not guarantee that students will be provided the same AARA for assessment in Units 3 and 4.

All requests for extension in Years 10, 11 and 12 must be submitted through an *AARA Application Form* rather than an 'Extension Request Form'.

The roles and responsibilities of the student, Parent/Carer and College staff when applying for an AARA in Years 10 and 11 are outlined below:

Student does not submit an assessment.



Classroom Teacher records this behaviour on OneSchool as 'Refusal to participate in a program of instruction' – 'Non-compliance – failure to submit assessment', recording the period and location that the assessment was due.



Classroom Teacher contacts the Parent/Carer to inform of assessment non-submission and refers the student to the HoD. For circumstances regarding student wellbeing, the HoD may work alongside the Guidance Officer or HoD Inclusion.



Student accesses the AARA Application Form from https://ripleyvalleyssc.schoolzineplus.com/form/131



Student and Parent/Carer complete the AARA Application Form and obtain supporting documentation.



For an AARA involving anything other than an extension request, the AARA Application Form is received and processed by the Guidance Officer or HoD Inclusion whereby a decision regarding whether the AARA is approved is made in consultation with the HoD - Pathways.



For an AARA for an extension request, the AARA Application Form is received and processed by the HoD whereby a decision is made regarding whether the AARA is approved in consultation with the HoD - Pathways.



The Guidance Officer or HoD Inclusion communicates to the Student, Parent/Carer and Classroom Teachers whether the AARA has been approved.



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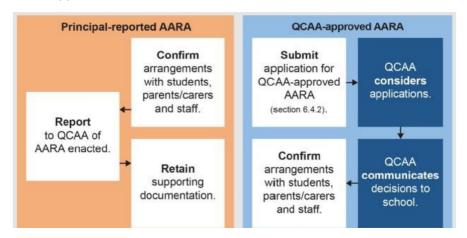
The Guidance Officer or HoD Inclusion saves a copy of the AARA Application Form and supporting documentation on the Support Provisions tab on OneSchool, provides a copy to the Classroom Teachers to attach to the student work and provides the original documents to the HoD – Pathways.



The HoD saves a copy of the AARA Application Form and supporting documentation on the Support Provisions tab on OneSchool, provides a copy to the Classroom Teacherto attach to the student work and provides the original documents to the HoD – Pathways.

# AARA in Year 12 (Units 3 and 4)

AARA for summative assessment in Applied, Applied (Essential), and General syllabuses and Short Courses may be principal-reported or QCAA-approved.



**Principal-reported AARA** are specific practical arrangements and adjustments authorised by the Principal or Principal's delegate for an eligible student. The principal's delegate, Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning will approve AARA applications in Units 3 and 4. All Principal-reported AARA will be uploaded to the QCAA Portal by the HoD Pathways.

The College may be required to supply a copy of supporting documentation as a part of the quality assurance process for AARA. All supporting documentation will be saved on the 'Support Provisions' tab on OneSchool alongside the AARA application. The hard copy of the AARA application will be stored with the HoD Pathways.

The QCAA publishes timelines for principal-reported AARA for schools to abide by, which will impact decisions made.

**QCAA-approved AARA** are specific adjustments that can only be approved by the QCAA following consideration of supporting documentation submitted with the AARA application via the QCAA Portal. The HoD Pathways will submit applications for QCAA-approved AARA on the student's behalf.

QCAA-approved AARA are for students undertaking:

- summative internal assessment in Units 3 and 4 of Applied, Applied (Essential), General and General (Extension) subjects
- summative assessment for Short Courses
- summative external assessment in General, General (Extension) and General (Senior External Examination) subjects.

## Summary of the adjustments for which schools are required to apply to the QCAA:

Type of assessment	Adjustment
Summative assessment – internal examination	extra time or rest breaks
Summative external assessment	<ul> <li>extra time or rest breaks</li> <li>format of papers</li> <li>assistance</li> <li>assistive technology</li> <li>a reader and/or scribe</li> <li>variation to venue</li> <li>any other adjustments not listed on the College's AARA Application Form</li> </ul>

# AARA Reporting Timelines in Unit 3 and 4

Type of AARA	Unit 3 and 4 General subject internal assessment	Unit 3 and 4 General subject external assessments
Alternative format papers	Due dates to be determined by the College.	Applications are due by the end of February in the summative year.
QCAA-approved AARA	For existing long-term and chronic conditions applications are due by completion of Units 1 and 2. For all other applications, applications are due as soon as possible before the assessment event.	For existing long-term and chronic conditions applications are due by the end of Term 1 in the summative year. For short-term conditions or temporary injuries applications are due by the end of Week 5 Term 3 in the summative year.
Principal-reported AARA	Notification is due before the relevant confirmation event.	Notification is <b>due by the end of Term 3</b> in the summative year.

The roles and responsibilities of the student, Parent/Carer and College staff when applying for a Principal-reported AARA in Years 12 (Unit 3 and 4) are outlined below:

Student does not submit an assessment.



Classroom Teacher records this behaviour on OneSchool as 'Refusal to participate in a program of instruction' – 'Non-compliance – failure to submit assessment', recording the period and location that the assessment was due.



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#### **Senior External Examination**

External assessment is developed and marked by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) for all General and General (Extension) subjects.

#### External assessment is:

- summative and contributes to the overall subject result
- · common to all schools across Queensland
- administered by schools under the same conditions at the same time on the same day.

# **Entering the Venue**

Students will be admitted into the assessment room and seated with sufficient time for supervising staff to communicate to students the administrative requirements of the assessment. Once inside the room, students are not permitted to speak, except to an external assessment supervisor.

# **Misconduct**

QCAA-appointed invigilators are independent observers of the external assessment, who monitor the conduct of external assessment. A student who does not comply with assessment rules and procedures communicated before entry to the assessment venue should be warned of the consequences of academic misconduct. Serious incidents that are unable to be reasonably managed by the external assessment supervisor may result in the student being excluded from the assessment room and supervised in another room to complete the assessment.

# **Student Equipment**

All approved equipment brought into an assessment room by a student must be in a clear container. Students cannot borrow equipment from other students during an external assessment.

# **Late Students**

If a student arrives late the student is permitted into the assessment room to complete the assessment. No extra time beyond the scheduled test session is allowed to complete the external assessment. The student may be required to complete the assessment in a different room at the assessment venue.

# Non-Attendance

A student who is ill but able to attend the external assessment should inform the external assessment supervisor of their illness as soon as practical. This may be before, during or immediately after the external assessment session.

A student who cannot attend the external assessment must notify the College as soon as possible. Reasons for non-attendance may include illness or misadventure – see AARA.

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Appendix 1 - Senior Assessment Submission Flow chart

