



Year 8 - 2024
Assessment Booklet

YEAR 8 ASSESSMENT POLICY

This booklet outlines the Year 8 assessment policy and includes assessment schedules for all Year 8 courses.

What are Assessment Tasks?

Assessment tasks are used to measure total student achievement throughout Year 8. They cover core syllabus content and outcomes, but do not include information about student attitudes, behaviour and conduct.

Student assessment marks are gathered during Year 8 through a variety of assessment tasks. These are used to allocate marks and grades for the Semesters 1 and 2 academic reports.

Assessment Guidelines:

1. Notification and Feedback of Assessments

Students will be notified by their teacher that an Assessment Task is approaching. Notification of the task will be given to students, a minimum of 2 weeks before the task date. Students will be informed of:

- The type of task (test, assignment, practical etc.)
- The content covered by the task
- The best way to prepare for the task (organisation, study etc)
- Clear and meaningful feedback up to 2 weeks from the due date about their performance on specific tasks.

2. Plagiarism

It is your responsibility to complete all assessment tasks to the best of your ability. You must also make sure that each assessment item is your own work. Copying of work for assessed items, IS NOT ALLOWED, this is plagiarism – see Page 41 in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism may result in a zero mark.

3. Lateness

You will lose marks if assessed tasks are handed in late. You will lose 10% of your marks for each day late. Any item which is more than 3 days late may result in a zero mark. You will still be expected to complete the item by attending a 'catch up' at Friday lunchtime in Room 27. Parents and Carers will be notified if you fail to hand in an assessment item.

4. Extensions

If you have a good reason (eg. illness, family or sporting commitments) for not being able to complete an assessed item on time, you can apply for an extension. Extension request forms are available from the Student Services Office or access a copy on the Year 8 Shared Drive. Fill in the necessary information on the Extension request form and return to the SSO. Mrs Martin will review your request and will advise the Faculty Coordinator and Teacher. You may be required to attend an interview with Mrs Martin. If the extension is granted the form will be returned to you which you will then attach to the completed assessment. **You should make your request well in advance of the due date. If there are exceptional medical or misadventure circumstances, parent/caregivers are to contact Mrs Martin dsc@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au.**

5. Missing an In Class Assessment Item

If you miss an in class assessment item, and your absence from school is explained, you may be asked to complete the task when you return to school. If this is not possible, you will be given an estimated mark for the assessment. Deliberately missing an in class assessment may result in a zero mark.

6. Malpractice

A zero mark may be given to any student who is found to have been dishonest in an assessment item. Malpractice includes cheating, copying from other students, copying from websites or other sources.

7. Appeals

You may appeal to your teacher if you believe the mark for an assessment item is unfair. It is your responsibility to see your teacher as soon as possible after the item has been returned. Should you believe that you did not get a fair hearing, take your case to the Faculty Coordinator. The Faculty Coordinator may pass your case on to Mrs Martin if they are unable to reach a resolution.

8. Using IT

At Red Bend, students use Google G Suite to complete assessments. Copies of assessment notifications are placed on the Year 8 Shared Drive, which can be accessed at any time.

9. Responsibility of Students in Examinations

- Be well prepared
- Correct school uniform must be worn to all examinations.
- Have pencils, pens, calculator etc in a clear plastic sleeve – **pencil cases are not permitted in the examination room.**
- Leave all books, paper and study notes in your locker.
- **No paper is to be brought into the examination room** – writing paper will be supplied.
- Respond properly to all directions given by the supervisor.
- Use the full time allocated for an examination – no student will be permitted to leave the examination room early.
- There is to be no borrowing of equipment during the examination.
- Raise your hand to ask a question.
- Do not disturb any person during the time you are in an examination room.
- Put up your hand and ask permission if you need to go to the toilet. Permission will not be granted to go to the toilet in the first 15 minutes or the final 15 minutes of the examination.
- Mobile phones are not permitted. Students who bring a mobile phone into an exam may incur a penalty of zero for the exam.

10. Disability Provisions:

Students are eligible to apply for disability provisions if they have permanent or temporary disability that would, in a normal examination situation, prevent him or her from:

1. Reading the examination questions; and/or
2. Communicating his or her responses

Conditions are listed under the categories of *medical, learning difficulty, hearing and vision*. Provisions may include; large print papers, use of a writer, use of a reader, extension of test time, rest breaks, establishment of a special test space, small group supervision, individual supervision, permission to take medication, or other provisions as judged appropriate. Please see Mrs Umbers (Learning Support Coordinator) if you have any questions about disability provisions.

11. Questions:

For any questions about assessments, please see one of the following:

- Class teacher
- Faculty Coordinator
- Director of Curriculum (Mrs Martin)

2024 YEAR 8 ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

TERM ONE

Week	Date	Subject	Item	Weighting
1	29/1	PDHPE - Swimming and Fitness ongoing to week 10		15%
2	5/2			
3	12/2			
4	19/2			
5	26/2			
6	4/3	French	Listening Test	10%
7	11/3	Mathematics	Area and Volume Assignment	15%
8	18/3	Science	Student Research Project	20%
9	25/3	Geography	Assignment - Research	40%
		Music	Composition - Advertisement	30%
		Technology Mandatory -Digital Technologies (Food)	Digital Systems	50%
		Technology Mandatory -Mixed Materials (Timber)	Folio	40%
		Technology Mandatory - Materials Technology (Textiles)	Practical	50%
		Visual Arts	Sculpture - BOW	30%
10	1/4	English	Persuasive Speech	25%
		French	Personal Profile Presentation	15%
		Religious Education	Literacy Test	20%
11	8/4			

TERM TWO

Week	Date	Subject	Item	Weighting
1	29/4	PDHPE Touch Football and League Tag -Application/Participation ongoing to Week 10		15%
2	6/5			
3	13/5	Music	Listening Concepts Test	40%
4	20/5	Religious Education	Visual Display	25%
		Visual Arts	Case Study	30%
Semester One exams- Weeks 5 and 6				
5	27/5	English	Exam	25%
		Geography	Exam	60%
		Mathematics	Exam	25%
		PDHPE	Exam	20%
		Science	Exam	30%
Semester One exams- Weeks 5 and 6				
6	3/6	English		25%
		Geography		50%
		Mathematics		50%
		PDHPE		40%
		Science		60%
		Technology Mandatory - Mixed Materials (Timber)	Practical	60%
7	10/6	French	Recorded Submission	20%
		Music	Group Performances	30%
		Technology Mandatory - Materials Technology (Textiles)	Practical	50%
		Technology Mandatory - Digital Technologies (Food)	Digital Systems	50%
		Visual Arts	BOW - 2D	40%
8	17/6			
9	24/6			
10	1/7			

TERM THREE

Week	Date	Subject	Item	Weighting
1	22/7	PDHPE Move and Groove task - ongoing to week 10		25%
2	29/7			
3	5/8			
4	12/8			
5	19/8	Science	In class test	20%
6	26/8			
7	2/9			
8	9/9	English French Mathematics	Essay Response Interactive Conversation Algebra Assignment	25% 25% 25%
9	16/9	Technology Mandatory – Materials Technology (Textiles) Technology Mandatory – Digital Technologies (Food) Mathematics Music Religious Education Visual Arts	Practical Digital Systems Algebra Assignment Composition – Advertisement Research Task Sculpture - BOW	50% 50% 25% 30% 25% 30%
10	23/9	History Technology Mandatory – Mixed Materials (Timber)	Research Folio	40% 40%

TERM FOUR

Week	Date	Subject	Item	Weighting
1	14/10			
2	21/10			
3	28/10	Music	Listening Concepts Test	40%
4	4/11	Visual Arts	Case Study	30%
Semester Two exams- weeks 5 and 6				
5	11/11	English	Exam	25%
		French	Exam	30%
		History	Exam	60%
		Mathematics	Exam	35%
		PDHPE	Exam	25%
		Religious Education	Exam	30%
		Science	Exam	30%
6	18/11	Technology Mandatory – Mixed Materials (Timber)	Practical	60%
7	25/11	Music	Group Performance	30%
		Technology Mandatory – Digital Technologies (Food)	Digital Systems	30%
		Technology Mandatory – Materials Technology (Textiles)	Practical	50%
		Visual Arts	BOW - 2D	40%
8	2/12			
9	9/12			

ENGLISH

SEMESTER 1				
Item No.	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weighting	Due Date
1	EN4-1A EN4-3B	Persuasive speech	25%	Term 1 Week 10
2	EN4-1A, EN4-2A EN4-3B, EN4-4B EN4-5	Semester One exam	25%	Term 2 Week 5/6

SEMESTER 2				
Item No.	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weighting	Due Date
1	EN4-1A, N4-2A EN4-3B, EN4-4B EN4-5C	Essay Response	25%	Term 3 Week 8
2	EN4-1A, EN4-2A EN4-3B, EN4-4B EN4-5C	Semester Two Exam	25%	Term 4 Week 5/6

FRENCH

Item	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weighting	Due
1	ML4-UND-01	Listening/Speaking Test	10%	Term 1 Week 6
2	ML4-CRT-01	Personal Profile Presentation	15%	Term 1 Week 10
3	ML4-CRT-01	Recorded Submission	20%	Term 2 Week 7
4	ML4-INT-01	Interactive Conversation	25%	Term 3 Week 8
5	ML4-UND-01, ML4-CRT-01	End of Year exam	30%	Term 4 Week 5/6
			100%	

HSIE - GEOGRAPHY

Semester One				Date
Item No.	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weighting	Due
1	GE4.1, GE4.2, GE4.3, GE4.5, GE4.7, GE4.8	Assignment	40%	Term 1 Week 9
2	GE4.3, GE4.2, GE4.4, GE4.5, GE4.7, GE4.8	Semester One Exam	60%	Term 1 Week 5/6
			100%	

HSIE - HISTORY

Semester Two				Date
Item No.	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weighting	Due
1	HT4.1, HT4.2, HT4.3, HT4.6, HT4.8, HT4.9, HT4.10	Research	40%	Term 3 Week 10
2	HT4.2, HT4.6, HT4.7	Semester Two Exam	60%	Term 4 Week 5/6
			100%	

MATHEMATICS

Item No.	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weight	Due Date
1	MA4-1WM MA4-2WM MA4-3WM MA4-1WM MA4-2WM, MA4-19SP, MA4-20SP, MA4-21SP	Area and Volume Assignment	15%	Term 1 Week 7
2	MA4-1WM MA4-2WM MA4-3WM, MA4-2WM, MA4-3WM, MA4-19SP, MA4-20SP, MA4-21SP, MA4-5NA, MA4-6NA, MA4-7NA, MA4-9NA	Exam	25%	Term 2 Weeks 5/6
3	MA4-1WM, MA4-2WM MA4-3WM, MA4-8NA, MA4-10NA, MA4-11NA	Algebra Assignment	25%	Term 3 Week 9
4	MA4-1WM, MA4-2WM, MA4-3WM, MA4-8NA, MA4-10NA, MA4-11NA, MA4-16MG, MA4-12MG, MA4-13MG, MA4-14MG, MA4-18MG, MA4-17MG	Exam	35%	Term 4 Weeks 5/6
			100%	

MUSIC

Semester One				
	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weight	Due Date
1	4.4, 4.5, 4.6	Composition – Group Advertising Task	30%	Term 1 Week 9 OR Term 3 Week 9
2	4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10	Listening Concepts Test 1	40%	Term 2 Week 3 OR Term 4 Week 3
Semester Two				
3	4.1, 4.2, 4.3	Group Performance	30%	Term 2 Week 7 OR Term 4 Week 7
			100%	

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

SEMESTER ONE				
	Outcomes	Description of Task	Weighting	Date Due
1	PD4-5, PD4-10	Swimming and Fitness Assessment	15%	Term 1 Weeks 1-10
2	PD4-1, PD4-2, PD4-3, PD4-6, PD4-7, PD4-9, PD4-10	Half Yearly exam	20%	Term 2 Week 5/6
3	PD4-4, PD4-5, PD4-10, PD4-11	Application/Participation in Touch Football and League Tag	15%	Term 2 Week 1-10
SEMESTER TWO				
	Outcomes	Description of Task	Weighting	Date Due
1	PD4-4, PD4-10, PD4-11	Move and Groove assessment	25%	Term 3 Week 1-10
2	PD4-1, PD4-2, PD4-6, PD4-7, PD4-10	Yearly exam	25%	Term 4 Week 5/6
			100%	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Semester One				
	Outcomes	Description	Weight	Due
1	Teachings of Jesus - Students develop strategies and skills for acquiring a wide topic vocabulary in Religious Education and the capacity to write content specific responses.	Literacy Task	20%	Term 1 Week 10
2	Sacraments of Initiation - considers and attributes meaning to the signs, symbols and rituals associated with the Sacraments of Initiation.	Visual Display	25%	Term 2 Week 4
Semester Two				
	Outcomes	Description	Weight	Due
3	Disciples, Martyrs and Witnesses to the Faith - uses a range of sources to investigate the significance of key people and events in the early Church.	Research Task	25%	Term 3 Week 9
4	Striving for Goodness - appreciates the Christian belief that good triumphs over evil.	Exam	30%	Term 4 Week 5/6
			100%	

SCIENCE

Semester One				
Item	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weight	Due
1	SC4-14LW, SC4-15LW, SC44WS, SC4-9WS	Student Research Project: Plants	20%	Term 1 Week 8
2	SC4-14LW, SC4-15LW, SC4-12ES, SC4-13ES, SC4-4WS to SC4-9WS	Semester One exam	30%	Term 2 Week 5/6
Semester Two				
Item	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weight	Due
1	SC4-10PW, SC4-11PW, SC4-4WS, SC4-5WS, SC4-6WS, SC4-7WS, SC48WS, SC4-9WS	Physics Topic Test	20%	Term 3 Week 5
2	SC4-16CW, SC4-17CW, SC4-10PW, SC4-11PW, SC4-4WS to SC4-9WS	Semester Two exam	30%	Term 4 Week 5/6
			100%	

TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY – Materials Technology (Textiles)

Technology Mandatory is taught on a rotational basis **each Term** please refer to the Yr 8 Assessment Calendar for the due dates for assessments during the time that you are studying the Textiles component.

Item	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weight	Due
Assignment	TE4-1DP, TE4-2DP, TE4-3DP, TE4-9MA, TE4-10TS	Practical – Shorts	50%	T1 - Week 9 or T2 - Week 7 Or T3 - Week 9 or T4 - Week 7

TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY – Digital Technologies (Food)

Technology Mandatory is taught on a rotational basis **each Term** please refer to the Yr 8 Assessment Calendar for the due dates for assessments during the time that you are studying the Food Technology component.

Item	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weight	Due
Assignment	TE4-1DP, TE4-2DP, TE4-4DP, TE4-7DI, TE4-10TS	Digital system	50%	T1 - Week 9 or T2 - Week 7 Or T3 - Week 9 or T4 - Week 7

TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY – Materials Technology (Mixed Materials)

Technology Mandatory is taught on a rotational basis **each Semester**. Please refer to the Yr 8 Assessment Calendar for the due dates for assessments during the time that you are studying the Timber or Electronics component.

	Item	Outcomes	Description of Item	Weight	Due Semester One	Due Semester Two
1	Assignment	TE4-1DP, TE4-2DP, TE4-4DP, TE4-7DI, TE4-10TS	Design Folio -Folio -Practical	40% 60%	T1 - Week 9 T3 - Week 10	T2 - Week 6 T4 - Week 6
				100%		

Term 1

<i>Class</i>	<i>Technology</i>
8.1	Materials Technology - Textiles
8.2	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.3	Digital Technologies - Food
8.4	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.5	Digital Technology - Food
8.6	Materials Technology - Textiles
8.7	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.8	Mixed Materials - Timber

Term 2

<i>Class</i>	<i>Technology</i>
8.1	Digital Technology - Food
8.2	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.3	Materials Technology - Textiles
8.4	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.5	Materials Technology - Textiles
8.6	Digital Technology- Food
8.7	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.8	Mixed Materials - Timber

Term 3

<i>Class</i>	<i>Technology</i>
8.1	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.2	Materials Technology - Textiles
8.3	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.4	Digital Technology - Food
8.5	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.6	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.7	Digital Technology - Food
8.8	Materials Technology - Textiles

Term 4

<i>Class</i>	<i>Technology</i>
8.1	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.2	Digital Technologies- Food
8.3	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.4	Materials Technology - Textiles
8.5	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.6	Mixed Materials - Timber
8.7	Materials Technology - Textiles
8.8	Digital Technology - Food

VISUAL ARTS

SEMESTER ONE				
	Weight	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3
Assessed Outcomes		Term 1 Week 9 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6	Term 2 week 4 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10	Term 2 Week 7 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6
Title of Task		Sculpture – BOW	Case Study	BOW – 2D piece
Art Making	70%	30%		40%
Art Criticism and Art History	30%		30%	
	100%			

SEMESTER TWO				
	Weight	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3
Assessed Outcomes		Term 3 Week 9 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6	Term 4 Week 4 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10	Term 4 Week 7 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6
Title of Task		Sculpture - BOW	Case Study	BOW 2D piece
Art Making	70%	30%		40%
Art Criticism and Art History	30%		30%	
	100%			