



Dear Year 8 Parent or Carer,

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development (VALID)* test for Year 8 Science students will be held from Monday **28<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024**. Classes will complete VALID during the following times:

	<b>VALID (Week 3A)</b>
<b>C</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024, P1&2
<b>H</b>	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024, P1&2
<b>A</b>	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2024, P1&2
<b>M</b>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2024, P1&2
<b>P</b>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2024, P5&6
<b>I</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024, P1&2
<b>O</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024, P3&4
<b>N</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024, P5&6
<b>S</b>	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2024, P5&5

The test takes approximately 75 minutes. The VALID Science 8 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. The content will cover all topics from Year 7 and Year 8. During Week 1 and 2 of Term 4, a comprehensive literacy program will be delivered in Science classes by Science teachers and the GELL faculty to maximise your child's exam preparation.

*VALID Science 8* contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus (2018)*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.



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Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes, and values about science.

*VALID Science 8* contains audio, so each student needs to bring suitable **headphones or earbuds** that connect to a device. Schools will indicate if students need their own device.

If your child has special provisions, they will be provided with the necessary supports to complete the assessment in the Learning Hub.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1, 2025. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personalised electronic report describing the knowledge and skills demonstrated by your child in the test will be available from their school. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test across NSW.

Kind regards,

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