

2023 Disability Provisions - Writing Sample Information

Writing Samples are required when the student's handwriting is significantly impacted by a relevant diagnosed disability under HSC exam conditions. Note that illegible or messy handwriting alone is not a disability.

Writing samples are required when applying for:

- **extra time to write**
- **a writer** for impaired writing speed or legibility
- **a computer** for impaired writing speed or legibility

Writing samples are NOT required when applying for:

- **a writer** or **a computer** if there is a relevant diagnosed disability which demonstrates that:
 - handwriting causes severe pain OR
 - a student is physically unable to write.
- **a writer** for a spelling disability.

Types of writing samples

Applications for the above disability provisions **must include samples handwritten by the student** that are either:

TWO (2) assessment task responses that contribute to the student's HSC assessment mark

OR

TWO (2) of the following:

- ONE (1) assessment task response that contributes to the student's HSC assessment mark.
- ONE (1) Year 11 yearly examination response completed no earlier than 1 September of the year prior to the HSC.
- ONE (1) in-class task (e.g. end of unit test, past HSC exam).

Additional requirements

If the student is applying for **a computer**, the application must also include:

- TWO (2) additional typed responses from any of the relevant categories (4 responses in total).

Exceptions

The following combinations of writing samples will be accepted for students who:

1. always use a writer or computer for extended responses in assessment tasks:

- TWO (2) Year 12 in class tasks **OR**
- ONE (1) Year 12 in-class task AND ONE (1) extended response(s) from a past HSC paper **OR**
- ONE (1) Year 12 in-class task AND ONE (1) NESA sample topic question

2. are not studying any courses that include extended responses (e.g. accelerated in Maths):

- TWO (2) Year 11 assessment task responses that contribute to the final Year 11 grade **OR**
- ONE (1) Year 11 assessment task response that contributes to the final Year 11 grade AND ONE (1) NESA sample topic question **OR**
- TWO (2) NESA sample topic questions **only if the above options are not possible** (e.g. Year 10 student accelerating in Maths)

3. are enrolled in a compressed curriculum pattern of study:

- TWO (2) Year 11 assessment task responses that contribute to the final Year 11 grade **OR**
- ONE (1) Year 11 assessment task response that contributes to the final Year 11 grade AND ONE (1) NESA sample topic question **OR**
- TWO (2) NESA sample topic questions **only if the above options are not possible** e.g. the student is only doing Maths and Physics courses

All writing samples **must**:

- replicate as closely as possible the same conditions as the HSC examinations, i.e. supervised and under test conditions, if only in an abridged form (e.g. 40 minutes rather than 2 or 3 hours).
- contain **extended response components** that are allocated a minimum of 40 minutes.
- be completed no earlier than:
 - Term 4 of the year prior to the HSC exam for Year 12 tasks
 - 1 September of the year prior to the HSC exam for relevant Year 11 tasks

Each writing sample **must include**:

- a copy of the **full task** including all questions and responses
(Note: All extended responses completed in a single task will be considered as one writing sample)
- this completed *Writing Sample Information* form
 - the **word count** of the student's extended responses (i.e. not including short answer responses or multiple choice questions)
 - the time allocated and time used for the **extended responses**

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Student's name: _____ Student number:

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Writing sample number: _____

Select the type of task you are submitting:

- Year 12 assessment task response that contributes to the student's HSC assessment mark.
- Year 12 in-class task.
- Year 11 yearly examination response completed no earlier than 1 September of the year prior to the HSC.
- Year 11 assessment task response that contributes to the final Year 11 grade.
- Extended response(s) from a past HSC paper.
- NESA sample topic essay.
- Other: _____

Indicate if the student:

- always uses a writer or computer for extended responses in assessment tasks **Yes** **No**
- is studying any courses that include extended responses **Yes** **No**
- is enrolled in a compressed curriculum pattern of study **Yes** **No**

Complete all sections of the table below:

Date of Task	Total number of words written in all extended response sections for this task (including words crossed out)	Total time <u>allocated</u> for all extended response sections	Total time <u>used</u> by student for extended response(s) only (including thinking and planning time but NOT including initial reading time and rest breaks if applicable)
<p style="text-align: center;">_ / _ / _</p>			
List any disability provisions used during the task			
Comment on the student's effort and style, e.g., is it typical? Note: This information should be provided in consultation with the teacher who is familiar with the student's work.			
Document any signs of fatigue or discomfort exhibited by the student. Note: This information should be completed by the person who supervised the student.			
Additional comments and observations			

Name of person completing form: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _ / _ / _