

# Oxley High School

## Middle School Assessment Booklet Yr 8



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## **What is meant by Assessment**

Assessment is the measurement of student performance in various tasks. It is not a measure of their potential performance or an estimate of their general ability.

## **The purpose of Assessment**

Assessments are intended to provide an indication of a student's attainment that is based on:

- a wider coverage of the syllabus than can be measured by the external examination, and
- measures and observations obtained through the course rather than at a single examination.

## **Reporting Results**

During the course, the school will provide information to students which will show their achievements relative to each other. This will occur in the form of school reports and parent/teacher conversations.

## **Middle School requirements 7-9**

It is expected that the students':

- Attendance, conduct and progress will be satisfactory
- Will complete the subject requirements of each course including any necessary oral, aural, practical or field work
- Make a genuine attempt to achieve

## **Rationale**

The School's policy aims to provide a fair system for all students.

It is designed to:

- Promote and protect the best interests of all students.
- Familiarise middle school students with some of the expectations and skills required by senior students

## **Student Responsibilities**

The Middle School Assessment Program contributes to a student's final grade for each subject.

Some tasks will be performed at school and others will be submitted as hand in tasks.

Students are required to:

- Be prepared for assessment tasks
- Comply with due dates and assessment procedures
- Do their personal best in each subject.

## **Absence due to illness on the day of a task, including an exam**

If you are absent on the day of a task due to illness, you are required to:

- Hand in or complete your task as soon as possible upon returning to school.
- Provide your teacher with a note from a parent/guardian outlining the reason why the task was not completed or submitted by the due date.

## **Illness during a task**

In the unlikely event that you are taken ill during a task, you must notify your teacher immediately.

- Students taken ill during a task may negotiate with your teacher regarding an alternate plan.

## Submission of hand-in tasks

Students are required to:

- Hand in tasks to the class teacher on or before the due date.
- If students are going to be absent for an extended period they are expected to renegotiate the due date with their teacher prior to leaving.

## Problems with Computers

It is every student's responsibility to ensure that work prepared on a computer is regularly backed up and saved either onto a hard copy or a CD/flash drive, so work is not lost.

- If your computer or printer malfunctions and you cannot print a final version of your work, you are required to hand in the CD/flash drive or working drafts printed during the preparation of the task.
- The printing of assessment tasks should not be left to the last minute. "Computer problems" WILL NOT be accepted as an excuse.
- In the event that you cannot print the task, you can email your work to either your teacher or the school's email address –
- [oxley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:oxley-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au). You should label this clearly. e.g. Email for Mr. Smith – Year 7, Assignment 3.

## Late Submission of Tasks

If a task is missed or submitted late without an acceptable note from home, the task will be penalised for each day late at ten percent (10%) of the final mark, including weekends. Discipline Policy will be followed.

## Examinations

Examinations may be part of the Middle School Assessment program and exactly the same rules and regulations apply as for the other Assessment Tasks.

- Complete your task as soon as possible upon returning to school.
- Provide your teacher a note from parent/guardian outlining the reason why you were absent on the day.

## Disciplinary Issues

### a. Plagiarism

Plagiarism refers to any attempt by a student to improve their assessment by any means which does not give a true reflection of their own work or their own learning.

Examples of plagiarism would include:

- submitting work prepared by another person
- submitting downloaded text from the internet

### b. Exam Conditions

Not following exam conditions impacts on everyone's learning. This will result in disciplinary action.

Examples would include:

- copying or cheating during a test
- deliberately disturbing other students during a test.
- communicating with other students during a test.
- writing (before or after instructed not to do so) during a test

## **Consequences**

Appropriate action will be taken at the discretion of the faculty Head Teacher.

## **Warning procedures:**

In the Middle School a communication scheme exists to ensure that both students and parents receive ample advice in relation to student progress. In most cases, the normal school reporting process is sufficient. However, when progress is causing concern, the class teacher may telephone the student's parents or issue a faculty letter via the Head Teacher.

## **Assessment Information**

Students will receive all FORMAL assessment information on YELLOW paper. This will outline the task to be submitted and all relevant information. For parents, assessment tasks are easy to identify due to the colour coding of all formal assessment items.

# YEAR 8 MUSIC

## Board-Developed Course

### Course Completion Requirements

Students will be deemed as having satisfied requirements in this course when they have-

- Successfully completed all assigned work
- Attempted all assessment tasks to a satisfactory standard
- Demonstrated commitment to and participate effectively in the classroom

### Assessment Task Schedule

#	Type	Description	Date	Weighting
1	In Class and Hand In	<b>Semester 1/ Semester 2</b> <b>Performance (20%)</b> Students will be assessed on the performance of a piece that has been studied during the term <b>Musicology (20%)</b> <b>Composition (10%)</b> Students will submit a composition and respond to a written theory based assessment. 4.2  4.6  4.9	Term 1 Week 8, 2025  Term 3, Week 8, 2025	50%
2	In Class and Hand In	<b>Semester 1/ Semester 2</b> <b>Performance (20%)</b> Students will be assessed on the performance of a piece that has been studied during the term <b>Musicology (10%)</b> <b>Listening (20%)</b> Students will aurally analyse a given piece and submit a written response that describes the treatment of musical concepts. Students will submit a research task based on Film and Television. Outcomes: 4.1  4.7  4.11	Term 2, Week 5, 2025  Term 4, Week 5, 2025	50%

# YEAR 8 VISUAL ARTS

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- Successfully completed all assigned work
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### Assessment Task Schedule

#	Type	Description	Date	Weighting
1	Hand In	<b>Semester 1 / Semester 2</b> Artist Research Submission (50%) 4.7   4.8  4.9  4.10	Term 1, Week 10, 2025  Term 3, Week 10, 2025	50%
2	Hand In	<b>Semester 1 / Semester 2</b> Artwork and Visual Arts Process Diary Submission 4.1  4.2  4.3  4.4  4.5  4.6	Term 2, Week 4, 2025  Term 4, Week 4, 2025	50%

\* All Stage 4 Students will complete an End of Semester Examination. This will not contribute to their Assessment Mark.

# YEAR 8 ENGLISH

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## Assessment Task Schedule

#	Type	Description	Date	Weighting
1	In Class	<b>Reading Test</b> EN4-RVL-01, EN4-URA-01	Term 1 Week 6	/20
2	Hand In & In Class	<b>Close Study of Text - Fantasy Genre</b> <b>Extended Response</b> Students write an extended response demonstrating their knowledge of the genre, ideas and techniques used in the text studied. EN4- URA-01, EN4-ECA-01, EN4-URC-01	Term 1, Week 10 Wednesday 2nd April Period 2	/20
3	Hand In & In Class	<b>The Storyteller and the Story</b> <b>Written Response</b> Students compose a fractured fairy tale that appropriates a traditional story to appeal to a modern audience. EN4-URB- 01, EN4-ECA-01, EN4-ECB-01	Term 2, Week 9 Wednesday 25th June Period 2	/20
4	Hand In	<b>Poetry</b> <b>Poetry and Reflection.</b> Students may choose to develop and refine a piece composed during the term or compose new pieces of writing. They will turn these poems into multimodal texts. EN4-ECA-01, EN4-ECB-01	Term 3, Week 7 Wednesday 3rd September, 2025	/20
5	In Class	<b>Reading Test</b> EN4-RVL-01, EN4-URA-01	Term 4 Week 6	/20

**NOTE:** Other **class- based** assessments will take place at times to be announced by your English teacher.



# YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY

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#	Type	Description	Date	Weighting
1	Hand-In Geographical skill/long response	Students develop a population pyramid and write a long response.  <i>GE4-1, GE4-3, GE4-4, GE4-6, GE4-7, GE4-8</i>	Term 1, Week 10	50%
2	In Class Geography Examination	Students complete an in class test based on concepts covered over the past two units of study.  <i>GE4-1, GE4-3, GE4-4, GE4-6, GE4-7, GE4-8</i>	Term 2, Week 4	50%

# YEAR 8 HISTORY

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#	Type	Description	Date	Weighting
1	Hand In Source analysis/long response	Students will answer questions on Medieval Europe, analyse a historical source, and write an ALARM response using evidence from their research	Term 3, Week 9	50%
2	In Class History Examination	Students complete an in class test based on concepts covered over the past two units of study.	Term 4, Week 3	50%

# YEAR 8 MATHEMATICS

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#	Type	Description	Date	Weighting
1	In Class	<b>Written Test</b>  <b>All classes</b> – Algebraic Techniques and Index Laws, Angle Relationships and Geometrical Properties	Week 9 2025  P1/2 Thur 27th March 2025	25%
2	In Class	<b>Written Test</b>  <b>All classes</b> – Equations, Percentages revised	Week 4 2025  P1/2 22nd May 2025	25%
3	Hand in	<b>Investigation Task</b>  Data Investigation	Week 10 2025  Mon 22nd September 2025	25%
4	In Class	<b>Yearly Examination</b>	Week 4 2025  P1/2 Thur 6th November 2025	25%

# YEAR 8 PERSONAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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#	Type	Description	Date	Weighting
1	In Class	Get Up, Get Active	Term 1, Week 7 Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	25%
2	Practical	Semester 1 Practical Mark	Term 2, Week 5 Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	25%
3	In Class	Out of Harm's Way	Term 3, Week 3 Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	25%
4	Practical	Semester 1 Practical Mark (including 'Playing the Game')	Term 4, Week 4 Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	25%

# YEAR 8 SCIENCE

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## Assessment Task Schedule

#	Type	Description	Date	Weighting
1	In Class/Hand In	Elements and Compounds Research Assessment Task SC4-17CW,SC4-7WS,SC4-9WS	Term 1, Week 7 Friday 14th March 2025	25%
2	In Class	Half Yearly Examination SC4-13ES,SC4-14LW,SC4-17CW, SC4-7WS	Term 2, Week 5 Tuesday 27th May 2025	25%
3	In Class/Hand In	Depth Study Inquiry Question SC4-4WS,SC4-5WS,SC4-6WS, SC4-7WS,SC4-9WS	Term 3, Week 5 Tuesday 19th August 2025	25%
4	In Class	Yearly Examination SC4-13ES,SC4-14LW,SC4-15LW, SC4-17CW,SC4-10PW, SC4-11PW,SC4-7WS	Term 4, Week 5 Thursday 13 November 2025	25%

# YEAR 8 TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY

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## Assessment Task Schedule

#	Type	Description	Date	Weighting
1	In Class & Hand In	<b>Project and Portfolio Section</b> Students are assessed on their ability to communicate a section of the design process related to their project being produced in the focus area for the term. TE4-SAF-10   TE4-DP-01   TE4-PDP-01   TE4-MS-01   TE4-PPM-01   TE4-DES-01   TE4-DIG-01   TE4-DIG-02	Term 1, Week 11 Wednesday 9th April 2025	25%
2	In Class & Hand In	<b>Project and Portfolio Section</b> Students are assessed on their ability to communicate a section of the design process related to their project being produced in the focus area for the term. TE4-SAF-10   TE4-DP-01   TE4-PDP-01   TE4-MS-01   TE4-PPM-01   TE4-DES-01   TE4-DIG-01   TE4-DIG-02	Term 2, Week 8 Friday 20th June 2025	25%
3	In Class & Hand In	<b>Project and Portfolio Section</b> Students are assessed on their ability to communicate a section of the design process related to their project being produced in the focus area for the term. TE4-SAF-10   TE4-DP-01   TE4-PDP-01   TE4-MS-01   TE4-PPM-01   TE4-DES-01   TE4-DIG-01   TE4-DIG-02	Term 3, Week 10 Wednesday 24th September 2025	25%
4	In Class & Hand In	<b>Project and Portfolio Section</b> Students are assessed on their ability to communicate a section of the design process related to their project being produced in the focus area for the term. TE4-SAF-10   TE4-DP-01   TE4-PDP-01   TE4-MS-01   TE4-PPM-01   TE4-DES-01   TE4-DIG-01   TE4-DIG-02	Term 4, Week 8 Friday 5th December 2025	25%



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## JUNIOR ASSESSMENT DRAFTING POLICY

At Oxley High School, we strongly encourage you to ask your class teacher and others for help with assessments. However, there are some guidelines you need to follow.

### **For Assessments:**

- You can only show any teacher a maximum of ONE draft of an assessment task (this does not include what is shown/discussed in class time). This does include full and partial drafts.
- You cannot give multiple teachers a draft each: it is ONE draft total to ANY teacher.
- You cannot give a teacher a draft of an assessment less than 48 hours before it is due. Otherwise, we will not be able to get it back to you with time to edit it before it is submitted.
- Teachers are only allowed to give general feedback on assessment tasks. This is to make sure it is fair to all.  
Where possible, teachers will give drafts back within 48 hours.
- Teachers cannot 'rewrite' sections of a task for you.
- Teachers will not be able to guarantee a mark that you will receive for a completed task. They can only give advice on how to improve from the draft you have shown them.
- Even if you seek advice you need to be aware that it will not guarantee your finished task is 'perfect'.
- Be aware that teachers cannot be expected to check their emails outside of school hours. Do not send an email outside of these times and expect an immediate response.

*Any Questions or Concerns?  
Please speak to the Faculty Head Teacher*

# Assessment Glossary

**Syllabus outcomes, objectives, performance bands and examination questions have key words that state what students are expected to be able to do. A glossary of key words has been developed to help provide a common language and consistent meaning in the Higher School Certificate documents. Using the glossary will help teachers and students understand what is expected in responses to examinations and assessment tasks.**

**Account** Account for: state reasons for, report on. Give an account of: narrate a series of events or transactions

**Analyse** Identify components and the relationship between them; draw out and relate implications

**Apply** Use, utilise, employ in a particular situation

**Appreciate** Make a judgement about the value of

**Assess** Make a judgement of value, quality, outcomes, results or size

**Calculate** Ascertain/determine from given facts, figures or information

**Clarify** Make clear or plain

**Classify** Arrange or include in classes/categories

**Compare** Show how things are similar or different

**Construct** Make; build; put together items or arguments

**Contrast** Show how things are different or opposite

**Critically** (*analyse/evaluate*) Add a degree or level of accuracy depth, knowledge and understanding, logic, questioning, reflection and quality to (analysis/ evaluation)

**Deduce** Draw conclusions

**Define** State meaning and identify essential qualities

**Demonstrate** Show by example

**Describe** Provide characteristics and features

**Discuss** Identify issues and provide points for and/or against

**Distinguish** Recognise or note/indicate as being distinct or different from; to note differences between

**Evaluate** Make a judgement based on criteria; determine the value of

**Examine** Inquire into

**Explain** Relate cause and effect; make the relationships between things evident; provide why and/or how

**Extract** Choose relevant and/or appropriate details

**Extrapolate** Infer from what is known

**Identify** Recognise and name

**Interpret** Draw meaning from

**Investigate** Plan, inquire into and draw conclusions about

**Justify** Support an argument or conclusion

**Outline** Sketch in general terms; indicate the main features of

**Predict** Suggest what may happen based on available information

**Propose** Put forward (for example a point of view, idea, argument, suggestion) for consideration or action

**Recall** Present remembered ideas, facts or experiences

**Recommend** Provide reasons in favour

**Recount** Retell a series of events

**Summarise** Express, concisely, the relevant details

**Synthesise** Putting together various elements to make a whole

