Secondary College

Brisbane Water

3rd April, 2018

***Best Start Year 7* trial test**

Dear Parents/caregivers,

Our school will participate this year in a trial of Best Start Year 7.

Best Start Year 7 is a literacy and numeracy assessment package for schools to assess literacy and numeracy within the first five weeks of students commencing Year 7 from 2019. It is designed to assist teachers to identify students who may require additional support in literacy and numeracy and to more effectively target teaching for all students.

Best Start Year 7 addresses a key element in the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy 2017-2020 and our participation in the trial will provide us with an opportunity to provide input into the Best Start Year 7 assessment package.

Our Year 7 students along with students in other selected schools will participate in a trial of the Best Start Year 7 online assessment questions between 3 -13 April. The timetable of the tests for each class are included in this letter. The primary purpose of this trial is to test the suitability & reliability of the questions, not to assess students. Accordingly, no individual student reports will be provided, however participating schools will receive some preliminary information that may benefit Year 7 teaching and learning activities this year.

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio test questions. Earbuds used with phones or other portable devices will be suitable for use during the test. The school has a small number of headphones that will be available for students to borrow for their test. I encourage students to bring their headphones on the days of their tests.

Kind regards,

Adam Montgomery

Deputy Principal

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| **LITERACY TESTS** |
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| **CLASS** | **DATE** | **DAY** | **PERIOD** | **ROOM** | **TEACHER** |
| 7.1.1 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 1 | LIB LOWER 1 | MOSEY |
| 7.2.1 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 1 | LIB MID 3 | HANNAH |
| 7.2.2 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 2 | LIB LOWER 1 | SMITH |
| 7.3.1 | 5TH APRIL | THURSDAY | 5 | LIB MID 3 | MOSEY |
| 7.4.1 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 4 | LIB LOWER 1 | HARVEY |
| 7.5.1 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 2 | LIB MID 3 | EMMETT |
| 7.6.1 | 9TH APRIL | MONDAY | 4 | LIB LOWER 1 | MCMAHON |
| 7.7.1 | 5TH APRIL | THURSDAY | 5 | LIB LOWER 1 | HEIGHINGTON |
| 7.7.2 | 5TH APRIL | THURSDAY | 4 | LIB LOWER 2 | JACKSON |
| 7S1 | 5TH APRIL | THURSDAY | 1 | LIB LOWER 1 | HEIGHINGTON |
| 7S2 | 5TH APRIL | THURSDAY | 1 | LIB LOWER 2 | WALTON |
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| **NUMERACY TESTS** |
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| **CLASS** | **DATE** | **DAY** | **PERIOD** | **ROOM** | **TEACHER** |
| 7.1.1 | 5TH APRIL | THURSDAY | 3 | LIB LOW 1 | BYRNE |
| 7.2.1 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 2 | CR2 | RICHARDS |
| 7.2.2 | 9TH APRIL | MONDAY | 5 | LIB MID 3 | ADDY |
| 7.3.1 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 2 | CR1 | STASZAK |
| 7.4.1 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 2 | CR3 | ADDY |
| 7.5.1 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 3 | CR1 | CLARKE |
| 7.6.1 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 3 | CR2 | GILCHRIST |
| 7.7.1 | 5TH APRIL | THURSDAY | 2 | LIB MID 3 | SHEARER |
| 7.7.2 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 3 | LIB MID 3 | ADDY |
| 7S1 | 6TH APRIL | FRIDAY | 1 | CR1 | BYRNE |
| 7S2 | 9TH APRIL | MONDAY | 2 | CR2 | STASZAK |
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