



Seven Hills West Public School

Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

VALID Science & Technology Assessment – Year 6 Students

Monday 5th September 2022



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On **Monday 5th September** all students in Year 6 will be participating in the **VALID Science & Technology Assessment**.

This assessment is an online diagnostic of learning and individual development. It assesses students' science knowledge and understanding and is linked to the NSW Science syllabus taught here at Seven Hills West PS.

Students will be completing the assessment during their normal Science lesson. Students will be completing this assessment online using a school device.

Key concepts and skills that are assessed in this test have been taught in Science lessons. As this is a standardised assessment, students do not need to prepare or study. This assessment is a tool used for program evaluation by our school and the NSW Department of Education.

Please read the information on the back with further details about the assessment and contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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A Proud PBL School (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

Dear Year 6 Parent or Carer

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 6 students will be held between **Monday 29 August** and **Friday 9 September 2022**. The test takes approximately 60 minutes. The **VALID Science & Technology 6** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science & Technology 6 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations and design problems. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 3 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science and Technology K-6 Syllabus (2017)*. Students will be tested on their:

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

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

VALID Science & Technology 6 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 a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 4, 2022. 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.

The principal of your child's school can provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely



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