

Years 5 to 10 Benchmark Testing using REACH assessments

During the final two weeks of term, students in Years 5 to 10 will be undertaking an array of online benchmark testing using REACH assessments conducted by the University of NSW.

Year 5 will be sitting assessments in English, Mathematics and Science. Years 7 to 10 will sit the Mathematics and English assessments having already attempted the Big Science competition which can also be utilized for benchmarking.

Why Conduct Benchmark Testing?

Reach assessments will provide the College with an objective external benchmark of student progress. This will allow us to receive independent and objective diagnostic data, enabling us to track and measure student progress year-on-year. The College will carefully analyse each student's results and compare this to his standard of achievement at the college.

When benchmark results align with a student's school achievement, it affirms our assessment processes. When there are anomalies, this generates discussion at various levels for those particular students. Other benefits include identifying potentially gifted students or those that may require further attention. They are also very useful for identifying areas of weakness in a group of students and therefore assist in school planning and resource allocation.

When attempting these assessments, we encourage all students to participate to the best of their ability and see it as an opportunity to let their light shine.

Preparation

Years 7 to 10 will undertake their assessments during Homeroom and period 1 next Tuesday and Wednesday. We ask that all students:

- Be on time to school
- Have their PLD fully charged and operational
- Be committed to doing the best they can

Year 5 and 6 will undertake their testing during the next two weeks. Actual times are available from classroom teachers.

No prior study or revision is required

Cost

The cost of each assessment is \$9.35.

Further Information

If you have any questions regarding REACH assessments, please don't hesitate to contact me at the college.

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Further information is available at

<https://www.icasassessments.com/products-reach/>