



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, STRATHFIELD

ASSESSMENT HANDBOOK

YEAR 6

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Year 6,

This Assessment Handbook is a valuable resource for you throughout 2026. It contains comprehensive information on all aspects of the assessment program here at St Patrick's College. I urge you to use it as an ongoing source of information throughout the assessment period which commences in February and concludes in November.

The information provided in this booklet serves as official notification for all assessment tasks for the whole year. Additional specific course and/or assessment task requirements may be issued as deemed appropriate by the nature of the task.

It is your responsibility to be comprehensively familiar with both the general requirements for assessment and with the particular requirements of each subject being undertaken.

Successful students are characterised by organised study and reliable and consistent effort. Students need to be conscious of workloads and time management in the completion of assessment tasks throughout the year, as well as full and active participation in each lesson. A balanced approach to homework and study is vital to the well-being of students, neither should be onerous.

Despite our best intentions in putting together this assessment program, changes may occur. Any change, if it does occur, is expected to be minor and ample forward notice will be given to the relevant students.

I wish all students well in their work over the year.

Dan Fields
Head of Curriculum (Stage 3)

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STAGE 3 ASSESSMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The College's Assessment Policy has been drawn up with the intention of being considerate and just to the individual, the student body, and the teaching staff.

- (a) Students have the right to adequate, timely and meaningful feedback on all completed assessment tasks. This may take one of the following forms:

- I. an appropriate mark or grade
- II. a written comment.
- III. a meeting with the teacher who marked the task for further discussion.

Any discussion about the result for the task should occur at the time when the task is returned. At all times the College reserves the absolute right to determine the validity of an assessment mark.

- (b) Assessment tasks can be in differing formats, e.g., in-class tests/examinations, hand-in assignments prepared outside class, in response to video material, practical work, aural, oral.

- (c) Work presented for assessment is to be clearly labelled with the student's name and to be firmly bound.

- (d) Hand-in assessment tasks will be submitted to the relevant class teacher by the specified due date and in the specified manner.

If the teacher is absent, the task is to be submitted on the teacher's return to class.

The College reserves the right to determine the validity, or otherwise, of the reason for the failure to submit an assessment task.

Where an assessment task is not submitted by the due date and manner, the classroom teacher will liaise with student and parent/carer to ascertain the reasons why it was unable to be completed or submitted.

- (e) While only certain tasks will be used for assessment purposes, it should be remembered that students will only perform well if they have worked consistently at all tasks and other set work throughout the course.

- (f) Students and their parents are asked to give particular attention to the following points:

No allowance will be made for a student who is not present for a particular task or does not submit a task on the due date except in the following circumstances:

- I. Illness (a doctor's certificate is ordinarily required)
- II. Unforeseen circumstances (at the discretion of the class teacher in consultation with the relevant Head of Curriculum (Stage 3).

In such circumstances, a parental note is always required to be produced. On the day of his return to school, the student must report to the relevant class teacher, with his parental note.

- (g) A student who knows in advance that he will be unable to be present for an assessment task or to complete it, should notify his class teacher, in writing, of this situation before the due date if he wishes to be considered under point (f).

In the event of an extended absence from school, appropriate written documentation from parents must also be provided to the Year Coordinator as soon as the reason(s) for the absence becomes known.

- (h) Any student who is absent from an assessment task or fails to complete it by the due date will not be given an extension of time unless circumstances as outlined in point (f) apply.
- (i) A student who is late for a task or fails to complete it by the due date will not be given an extension of time unless circumstances as outlined in (f) apply.
- (j) Malpractice is any activity undertaken by students that allow them to gain an unfair advantage over others. Plagiarism is a form of malpractice. Plagiarism means copying the intellectual work of others either by reproducing their ideas, opinions, or theories word for word or by paraphrasing without acknowledging the source of the information. It also includes the use and submission of material wholly or partially generated through the aid of artificial intelligence (AI).

As stated in the NSW Education Standards Authority document Assessment in a Standards- Referenced Framework - a Guide to Best Practice, malpractice includes but is not limited to:

- submitting work to which another person such as a parent, coach or subject expert has contributed substantially.
- paying someone to write or prepare material.
- breaching school examination rules
- using non-approved aids during an assessment task
- contriving false explanations to explain work not handed in by the due date.
- assisting another student to gain an unfair advantage.

Plagiarism can include:

- using words, ideas, designs, or the workmanship of others, including one's own previous work, in practical and performance tasks without appropriate acknowledgement.
- using material directly from books, journals, CDs, or the internet without reference to the source
- buying, stealing, or borrowing another person's work and presenting it as one's own
- copying someone else's work in part or whole and presenting it as one's own
- citing the source of information but quotation marks are not used to indicate words taken from another source.
- inaccurate acknowledgement of a source

The penalty for malpractice in an assessment task will be a zero mark or E grade for that task.

Students are advised to consult with their teachers if they are unsure of whether an activity will unfairly advantage them. Students are advised to consult A Guide to Writing Bibliographies in the College Diary and on Canvas on how to avoid plagiarism.

All work submitted for assessment must be a student's own. Any work suspected of plagiarism will be subjected to further investigation. If proven, the penalty will be zero.

If submitted work is suspected as generated by artificial intelligence (AI) and not commensurate with a student's general pattern of demonstrated achievement, the Head of Curriculum (Stage 3) may request the student complete a viva voce (discussion, oral response to question). Questions directed to the student will reflect content presented in the student submission and aligned to the marking criteria. A final mark for the assessment will reflect the quality and depth of student knowledge presented through the viva voce.

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ASSESSMENT

1. Written notification of assessment components.
2. Nature of each task.
3. Timing of each task.
4. Mark value of each task.
5. School policy on late tasks.
6. Develop a policy for valid absences.
7. Provide feedback after each task.
8. Verify assessment work outside the school.

SUMMARY OF STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Attend all lessons.
2. Attend all assessment tasks.
3. Make a serious attempt at all assessment tasks.
4. Hand work in on time.
5. Notify the classroom teacher in advance if unable to present for an assessment task.
6. Provide evidence/documentation for missed tasks.

NOTICE OF UNSATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF AN ASSESSMENT TASK

Date _____

Dear Mr & Mrs _____,

It is with regret that I have to write to you concerning _____
Unsatisfactory Completion of an Assessment Task. The specific details of this incident are provided overleaf.

A copy of this letter will be placed on your son's file. Please note that if your son was to receive a further Notice of Unsatisfactory Completion of an Assessment Task in this subject, it may result in the issue of an official warning letter from the College, indicating that he is in danger of not satisfying the outcomes and requirements for this subject.

I strongly encourage you to discuss the circumstances of this notification fully with your son.

Please complete the form below and return it to me as soon as possible to acknowledge receipt of this letter. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

(Full Name)

Head of Curriculum (Stage 3)

cc: Year Coordinator

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Please return to Head of Faculty.

STUDENT NAME:

SUBJECT:

I acknowledge receipt of the letter sent on _____ (date), regarding my son's Unsatisfactory Completion of an Assessment Task. I have discussed the matter with him.

Parent/Carer (Signature)

Date

DETAILS OF UNSATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF AN ASSESSMENT TASK

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

DATE: _____

NATURE OF CONCERN (ticked):

Submission

Non-Submission

Non-Serious Attempt

Malpractice

Unexplained Absence

SUBJECT: _____

DESCRIPTION OF TASK: _____

DATE FOR COMPLETION OF TASK: _____

DATE SUBMITTED (where applicable): _____



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THE AI TASK SCALE 2026

This guide helps maintain academic integrity, supports learning objectives, and provides consistency in expectations across subjects. Students who do not adhere to the AI usage requirements for a task may be subject to academic malpractice consequences.

1	NO AI	<p>The task is completed entirely without AI assistance. This level relies solely on students' own knowledge, understanding, and skills.</p> <p>AI must not be used <u>at any point</u> during the task and its preparation.</p>
2	AI-ASSISTED IDEA GENERATION AND STRUCTURING	<p>AI can be used in the task for brainstorming, creating structures, and generating ideas for improving work.</p> <p>No AI content is allowed in the final submission.</p> <p>Reference to which AI's used should be noted in the bibliography.</p>
3	AI-ASSISTED EDITING	<p>AI can be used to make improvements to the clarity or quality of student created work to improve the final output, but no new content can be created using AI.</p> <p>AI can be used, but max original work with no AI content must be provided in an appendix i.e. you submit your AI Edited and non-AI edited Script.</p> <p>Applications that use AI: ChatGPT, Grammarly, Microsoft applications, etc. If in doubt check with your teacher.</p>
4	AI TASK COMPLETION, HUMAN EVALUATION	<p>AI is used to complete certain elements of the task, with students providing discussion or commentary on the AI-generated content. This level requires critical engagement with AI generated content and evaluating its output.</p> <p>You will use AI to complete specified parts in the task.</p> <p>Any AI created content must be cited.</p>
5	FULL AI	<p>AI should be used as a "co-pilot" in order to meet the requirements of the task, allowing for a collaborative approach with AI and enhancing creativity.</p> <p>You may use AI throughout your task to support your work and are not required to specify which content is AI-generated though you must reference the AI's used.</p>

Adapted from: Furze, L., Perkins, M., Roe, J., & MacVaugh, J. (2024). The AI Assessment Scale (AIAS) in action: A pilot implementation of GenAI-supported assessment. *Australasian Journal of Educational Technology*, 40(4), 38–55. <https://doi.org/10.14742/ajet.9434>

English Year 6 (Stage 3) – Core Assessment Task Schedule

Note: Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT) Reading administered Term 2 (Week 2B) and Term 4 (Week 2B). Scholastic Lexile Testing administered termly in library lessons.

	Semester One		Semester Two	
	Task # 1	Task # 2	Task # 3	Task # 4
Nature of Task	Significant Person Research Task (Informative Writing)	S <i>Pee</i> Ch! (Persuasive)	TBC	TBC
Timing	Term 1 Week 9A (Thurs 26/3)	Term 2 Week 5A (Mon 18/5)	Term 3 Week 9A (Mon 14/9)	Term 4 Week 4B (Thurs 5/11)
Outcomes assessed	EN3-CWT-01 EN3-SPELL-01 EN3-HANDW-01 EN3-VOCAB-01	EN3-OLC-01 EN3-VOCAB-01 EN3-CWT-01 EN3-SPELL-01		
Focus Areas				
Oral language and communication (EN3-OLC-01)				
Vocabulary (EN3-VOCAB-01)				
Reading comprehension (EN3-RECOM-01)				
Creating written texts (EN3-CWT-01)				
Spelling (EN3-SPELL-01)				
Handwriting and digital transcription (EN3-HANDW-01 & EN3-HANDW-02)				
Understanding and responding to literature (EN3-UARL-01 & EN3-UARL-02)				

Mathematics Year 6 (Stage 3) – Core Assessment Task Schedule

Note: Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT) Maths will be completed Term 1 (Week 3A) & Term 4 (Week 3A)

	Semester One		Semester Two	
Task #	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Timing & Outcomes	<p style="text-align: center;">Core Assessment Task 1</p> <p>Week 8B – Mon 16/3 Data (MA3-DATA-01 & MA3-DATA-02) Represents numbers (MA3-RN-01 & MA3-RN-02) Additive relations (MA3-AR-01) Multiplicative relations (MA3-MR-01) Representing quantity fractions (MA3-RQF-01, MA3-RQF-02)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Core Assessment Task 2</p> <p>Week 10B – Tues 31/3 Two-dimensional spatial structure (MA3-2DS-01) Geometric Measure – Angles (MA3-GM-03)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Core Assessment Task 3</p> <p>Week 4A – Thurs 22/5 Represents numbers (MA3-RN-01 & MA3-RN-02) Chance (MA3-CHAN-01) Geometric Measure – Position (MA3-GM-01) Representing quantity fractions (MA3-RQF-01, MA3-RQF-02) Non-spatial measure - Mass (MA3-NSM-01)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Core Assessment Task 4</p> <p>Week 5A – Thurs 20/8 Additive relations (MA3-AR-01) Geometric Measure – Length (MA3-GM-02) Chance (MA3-CHAN-01) Multiplicative relations (MA3-MR-01)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Core Assessment Task 5</p> <p>Week 10B – Tues 22/9 Two-dimensional spatial structure – Area (MA3-2DS-01 & MA3-2DS-02) Three-dimensional spatial structure – 3D objects and Volume (MA3-3DS-01 & MA3-3DS-02) Data (MA3-DATA-01 & MA3-DATA-02) Representing quantity fractions (MA3-RQF-01, MA3-RQF-02)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Core Assessment Task 6</p> <p>Week 5A – Mon 9/11 Represents numbers (MA3-RN-01 & MA3-RN-02) Geometric Measure – Position (MA3-GM-01) Geometric Measure – Angles (MA3-GM-03) Representing quantity fractions (MA3-RQF-01, MA3-RQF-02)</p>

Focus Areas				
MAO-WM-01 Working Mathematically – develops understanding and fluency in mathematics through exploring and connecting mathematical concepts, choosing and applying mathematical techniques to solve problems, and communicating their thinking and reasoning coherently and clearly				
Number & Algebra				
Representing numbers				
Additive relations				
Multiplicative relations				
Fractions				
Measurement & Space				
Geometric measure				
Two-dimensional (2D) spatial structure				
Three-dimensional (3D) spatial structure				
Non-spatial measure				
Statistics & Probability				
Data				
Chance				

Science & Technology Year 6 (Stage 3) – Core Assessment Task Schedule

	Semester One		Semester Two	
Task number	#1	#2	#3	#4
Nature of task	Informative Poster Research Task	Forces	Marble Run & Electrical Circuit Task	Material World Research Task
Timing	Term 1 Week 9A (Fri 27/3)	Term 2 Week 5A (Fri 22/5)	Term 3 Week 7A (Fri 4/9)	Term 4 Week 4B (Fri 6/11)
Outcomes assessed	Earth & Space Geological Changes ST3-1WS-S	Living World ST3-5LW-ST ST3-2DP-T	Physical World ST3-8PW-ST ST3-11DI-T	Material World ST3-2DP-T ST3-7MW-T
Learning Areas				
Working scientifically			✓	
Working technologically			✓	
Knowledge and understanding			✓	

Human Society & its Environment Year 6 (Stage 3) – Core Assessment Task Schedule

	History	Geography	Geography	History
Task	#1	#2	#3	#4
Nature of Task	Significant person research Task (Informative Writing)	TBC	TBC	TBC
Timing	Term 1 Week 9A (Thurs 26/3)	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Outcomes Assessed	HS3-DEM-01 HS3-CWT-01	HS3-ACH-01 HS3-GEO-01	HS3-GEO-01	HS3-ACH-01 HS3-GEO-01 HS3-CWT-01
Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Cultures and Histories				
Geographical and historical knowledge, understanding and skills				
Knowledge and understanding of Australia's democracy to become active, informed members of their community				
A sense of belonging, awe and wonder about their world and about the past.				

Religious Education Year 6 (Stage 3) – Core Assessment Task Schedule

	Semester One		Semester Two	
	Task # 1	Task # 2	Task # 3	Task # 4
Nature of Task	Liturgical Year (Lent and Easter) Task	The Synoptic Gospels & The Sacrament of Confirmation Quiz	Discipleship (Part A) & Mary, Woman of Faith (Part B) Task	Discipleship Quiz
Timing	Term 1 Week 10B (Mon 30/3)	Term 2 Week 5A (Tues 19/5)	Term 3 Week 6B (Fri 28/8)	Term 4 Week 5A (Tues 10/11)
Outcomes Assessed	REVDLY6 RECKDLY6 RECSLY6	RECKA6 RECSA6 RECKD6 RECS6	RECKC6 RECSC6 RECKB6 RECSB6	RECKE6 RECSE6

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education (PD/H/PE) Year 6 (Stage 3) Core Assessment Task Schedule

Task Number	Task # 1	Task # 2	Task # 3	Task # 4
Nature of Task	The Art of Movement Gymnastics	Heathy Mind: Discussion Responses	Growing and Changing: Puberty: Examination	Swimming
Timing	Term 1, Week 9 and 10	Term 2, Week 5	Term 3, Week 9 and 10	Term 4, Ongoing in class
Outcomes Assessed	PD3-4, PD3-5, PD3-10, PD3-11	PD3-1, PD3-2, PD3.6, PD3-7, PD3-10	PD3-2, PD3-6, PD3-10	PD3-4, PD3-5, PD3-11
Learning Areas				
Knowledge and Understanding	Beam Routine & Floor routine	A discussion on the most important quality in a relationship.	Physical and Emotional changes that occur during puberty. Development and maintenance of healthy relationships	Freestyle and Breaststroke technique
Research	NIL	Content covered in class and online for additional support	Content covered in class.	NIL
Movement Skill and Performance		NIL	NIL	
TOTAL	/25	/25	/25	/25

Note:

*Final grade for the year will be influenced more heavily by student achievement towards the end of the course.

Selected informal assessment activities will supplement evidence from core formal task to verify or shift a grade when on the cusp of a grade band. In PDHPE, these may include: short, evaluative and analytical responses, student practical applications and contributions to class-based discussions.

Creative Arts – Visual Arts Year 6 (Stage 3) – Core Assessment Task Schedule

Task Number	Task # 1	Task # 2
Nature of Task	Artmaking (In-class and Hand-in)	Writing
Timing	Term 3, September Week 10B (Mon 21/9 – Fri 24/9)	Term 4, October Week 3A (Mon 26/10 – Fri 30/10)
Outcomes Assessed	VAS3.1 VAS3.2	VAS3.3 VAS3.4
Learning Areas		
Making		
Appreciating		

Notes:

***Final grade for the year will be influenced more heavily by student achievement towards the end of the course.**

Selected informal assessment activities tasks will be used to inform teacher judgement of student achievement across the year. In Visual Arts these may include artmaking activities such as, designing, planning, composing, drafting or critical and historical activities such as analytical responses, short creative responses, student presentations, and contributions to debates and discussions.

Creative Arts – Music Year 6 (Stage 3) – Core Assessment Task Schedule

Task Number	1	2	3	4
Nature of Task	Composition	Performance	Performance	Listening
Timing	Term 1 Week 7A	Term 2 Week 3A	Term 3 Week 6B	Term 4 Week 3A and 4B
Outcomes Assessed				
Learning Areas				
Performing				
Composing				
Listening				

Languages - Italian Year 6 (Stage 3) – Core Assessment Task Schedule

Task Number	Task 1	Task 2
Nature of Task	Listening and Reading Task (In-class)	Listening, Reading and Writing Task (In-class)
Timing	Term 1, March Week 9A	Term 2, May Week 4B
Outcomes Assessed	ML3-UND-1	ML3-UND-1 ML3-CRT-01 ML3-INT-01
WEIGHTING	45	55

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ASSESSMENT TASKS CALENDAR

Terms 1-4, 2026



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Note: Term-based calendars will be finalised and updated in readiness for the beginning of each term.

Term 1			
Month	Date	Subject/s	Nature of Task
March	Week 7A	Music	Composition
	Mon 16/3 Week 8B	Mathematics	Data, Represents Numbers, Additive Relations, Multiplicative Relations, Representing Quantity Fractions
	Weeks 9A & 10B	PD/H/PE	The Art of Movement Gymnastics – Beam & Floor Routine
	Thurs 26/3 Week 9A	History & English	Significant Person Research Task (Informative Writing)
	Fri 27/3 Week 9A	Science & Technology	Informative Poster Research Task
	Week 9A	Languages	Listening & Reading
	Mon 30/3 Week 10B	Religious Education	Liturgical Year (Lent and Easter) Task
	Tues 31/3 Week 10B	Mathematics	Two-dimensional Space, Angles