

11 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs), Literacy and Numeracy Screening
Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16, Thursday 17, Friday 18 and Monday 21 September 2026

All our new Year 7 students will be taken off timetable to sit Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs), Literacy and Numeracy Screening diagnostic tests during the day as follows:

Tuesday 15 September: 7BPE, 7CBU, 7RTA, 7MPE
Wednesday 16 September: All of Year 7
Thursday 17 September: 7BPE, 7CBU, 7RTA, 7MPE
Friday 18 September: 7MVE, 7GSI, 7ASA, 7LSO
Monday 21 September: 7MVE, 7GSI, 7ASA, 7LSO

The tests give us valuable information about students' individual strengths. The CAT tests are an assessment of developed abilities in areas known to make a difference to learning and achievement - namely verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning - and provide teachers with an objective perspective on potential student achievement. Year 7 students will also be completing their Literacy and Numeracy screenings, which will give teachers an understanding of their current level of attainment and assist in accurately tracking and monitoring their progress. We use this information to build a profile of the cohort and to set Parmiter's Curriculum Level targets for individuals. For these reasons, it is important that all students complete the assessments.

There will be six tests, each of which will take approximately 45 minutes. No preparation is necessary for the tests and we are not able to provide sample test questions. The primary purpose of these assessments is for the school's internal use. Results will not be shared directly with students or parents/carers.

It is vitally important that students come to school with headphones or earphones (not wireless) that work in their device and a fully charged Chromebook each day.

We do hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely



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