



# Ambarvale High School

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## Year 8 VALID Science 8 Test

Dear Parent

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between **Monday, 26 October 2020** and **Friday, 6 November 2020**. The test takes approximately 70 minutes. The **VALID Science 8** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

**VALID Science 8** contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years K-10 Syllabus*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- 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.

Since students complete **VALID Science 8** on a computer, each student needs to bring **headphones or earbuds** that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact the school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2021. 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like further details about the VALID program or if you require additional information.

Ms L Barnott-Clement  
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