



Thomas Reddall High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re Best Start Year 7 Assessment

Year 7 students will participate in the Best Start Year 7 Assessment in Term 1, 2020.

Best Start Year 7 is an online literacy and numeracy assessment available to secondary schools, which assesses key literacy and numeracy skills of Year 7 students. It is designed to assist teachers to identify students who may require additional support in developing their literacy and numeracy skills. The assessment is undertaken within the first five weeks of the school year.

The purpose of the Best Start Year 7 Assessment is to provide feedback to teachers to help identify student needs. Feedback will be provided to teachers who may choose to share this with students, parents and carers during teacher interview processes.

Best Start Year 7 is just one of a range of assessments the school uses to assess students.

Please inform the school if your child has special needs requiring support to complete an online assessment.

Optional advice:

Students will be asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB.

If students do not have earbuds to use for the assessment they will be provided on the day.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Fuller

Principal

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