Year 7-10 Science Requirements

Award of the School Certificate
For the award of a grade in this subject at the School Certificate at the end of year 10 you must have satisfactorily completed a majority of the science units and have satisfactory attendance (minimum of 85% of lessons).

Assessment
Your teacher will assess you for reports using a variety of assessment tasks including tests, spelling tests, assignments and a variety of class tasks.
Each topic will have a knowledge test and at least one other formal assessment task. You will be issued information regarding each topic’s assessment at the start of the topic.
Your reports will show your proficiency in a variety of areas. These are:
- Knowledge
- Practical and Investigative Skills
- Problem Solving
- Communication
There will be a common yearly examination.

Homework
In general there will be some homework set each week. If no homework is set then (as an absolute minimum requirement) students still must revise the class work for that day. In many cases the homework will be a requirement to finish class work, such as diagrams or writing conclusions.
Students must carefully record all homework in their homework diary.

Work Records
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Satisfactory Units
These are ones in which you have:
- Submitted all set work and/or assignments for marking or checking for completion.
- Completed all tests & assessment tasks.
- Made a good effort to do your best work.
- Behaved in an acceptable manner.

Non Completion or Late Submission of Work
Work handed in late will not be counted towards achievement of course outcomes. Several instances of late work or work not submitted will lead to a letter being sent home indicating the specific problem(s) involved.

Absence on Test & Assessment Days
You must approach your teacher before school on the day you return to school to organise the time you will attempt the test or assessment task. It is not the responsibility of the teacher to find you.
In general you will be required to do the test on the day you return to school.
If you fail to do this no grades for the skills/knowledge involved will be awarded for the test.

Student Responsibilities
- Be courteous at all times.
- Obey all laboratory rules.
- Follow all teacher instructions.
- Make a good effort to do your best work.
- Find out the work you missed whilst absent and ensure it is completed. e.g. class work, homework, assignments, excursion details etc.
If you miss a test or are unable to hand in work due to an absence you must see the teacher before school starts on the first day you return to school to make appropriate arrangements.

Safety in Laboratories
• Use all equipment carefully and as directed ensuring all safety rules are followed and safety clothing worn as instructed.
• It is a legal requirement that shoes with leather uppers that completely enclose the foot must be worn in all specialist rooms such as science laboratories. Your teachers will require you to use some safety equipment during certain experiments which MUST be worn when you are so directed.