NSW Education Standards Authority

2026 Higher School Certificate

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PRACTICAL EXAMINATIONS

	AUGUST																													SEPTEMBER																			
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Design & Technology																									C												M	M	M	M	M	M		M	M	M	M	M	
Visual Arts [1,2]																													C																			
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Footnotes

[1] Schools will be advised of their individual submission dates for Visual Arts bodies of work in Term 3.

[2] Visual Arts itinerant marking is conducted from Monday 26 October to Friday 6 November 2026.

[3] The Science Extension Scientific Research Report forms part of the internal assessment program. Schools can determine their own completion and hand-in dates for the Scientific Research Reports. Note that appendices and references are not to be included in the version of the Report submitted to NESA. See Assessment and Reporting in Science Extension Stage 6 for more details.

[4] Languages oral examinations are conducted from Saturday 8 August to Saturday 12 September 2026. Please see the Languages oral examination timetable for specific dates (available 20 April 2026).

2026 Term dates for reference

27 Jan to 2 April 2026
20 April to 3 July 2026
20 July to 25 September 2026
12 October to 17 December 2026

Key

- C — Completion and hand-in date - works must be handed in to the supervising teacher no later than 3 pm on this day
- S — Submission by schools to NESA
- M — Marking date
- O — Schools Online upload function opens for schools
- S&A — Final date for schools to submit report and students to acknowledge report is correct
- Languages oral examinations conducted - separate timetable
- Catholic trial period