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Dear Year 10 Parent or Carer,

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 10 students will be on **Monday 4th September 2017**. The test takes approximately 70 minutes, and will take place over Period 2 and HCT. The *VALID Science 10* test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 10 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 5 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 10* on a computer, each student needs to bring a **fully charged laptop** and **headphones or earbuds**.

Results of the test will be available during Term 4 2017. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test.

Please contact Mr. Capistrano if you require additional information about the VALID program.

Yours sincerely,

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