



*"To raise up effective leaders of godly character who will blend academic achievement and biblical truth, to influence society for the glory of God."*

10 September 2018

Dear Year 10 Parents and Students,

The NSW Department of Education has developed an initiative to assist schools in evaluating how students are progressing in the knowledge, understanding and skills developed in the *NSW Science K-10 Science Syllabus*. This is being done through an annual online *Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID)* test, to be completed by all students in Years 6, 8 and 10. The VALID tests are optional for non-government schools, but given the potential value of such diagnostic testing for our students and teaching staff, Orange Christian School will be participating in the testing from 2018 on.

Our Year 10 students will be completing their VALID test this Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> September) at 1:45-3:10pm. The Year 10 VALID test will have questions related to the Stage 5 outcomes and essential content of the syllabus. Any students absent on the day of testing will only have a subsequent opportunity to complete the test on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, as that is the last day in the testing 'window'. Each student who completes the test will receive a personal report.

For further details about the Year 10 VALID testing, see the attached letter from the NSW Department of Education. Please note that students will be provided with headphones at the school; they do not need to bring their own from home. If you have any questions regarding the Year 10 VALID test, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours in Christ,

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